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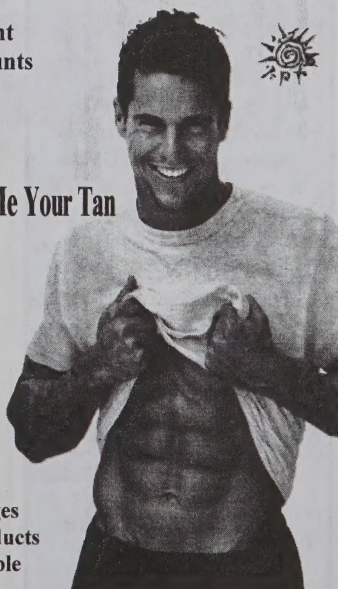
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## Out of Town, Here We Go

March 1 marks the halfway-point (sort of) in an Edmonton Court Year. Six months have finished, and the last six months are starting up. AUGUST looms ahead, rapidly becoming AUGUST 24, then AUGUST 24 6 PM, and who knows what it will become next? However, March also brings a big out-of-town ball: Vancouver.

Vancouver's Court is the oldest in Canada. A few years older than Edmonton, they've already hit that big XXX that gets Big Onion girls all excited. And since Vancouver is so close geographically to Edmonton, we usually send out quite the contingent of Queens and Boy-Queens to celebrate. Last year, Ron and Mr. Vera w o w ' e d Vancouver Coronation audiences at both their Out-of-Town Show and the Ball. W e resurrected our o p e n i n g number from our production show of Cabaret to blow the crowd of the Odyssey away, and just when everyone thought we'd done our best at the Out-of-Town show, our flashy silver outfits and gigantic headpieces knocked them over one tiara at a time at the ball.

Edmonton also has an important tradition to continue in Vancouver. For a few years now, the current reigning Imperial Crown Princess has hosted the infamous hallway party following Coronation. Set in the host hotel, this gives everyone to party Edmonton-style (and we all know Edmontonians know how to party the best; how else did the Big Onion get its reputation as the wildest party children in Canada?).

This year in Vancouver, one of Edmonton's own is running for Empress. Mandy Kamp, our XVI, is running for their XXXI. Also running for Empress is Paige Turner, and given the talent, charisma, and beauty of these two, it should be quite the exciting Campaign. We here wish all the best to both Candidates for Empress, and to Brad, Candidate for Emperor.

So yes, Vancouver will be fun. It always is. By Vancouver, we've got our own Coronation plans sufficiently developed to start the West Coast buzz, and this year, we plan on doing the same (bounce baby bounce). And

when we return from Vancouver, we've barely got time to catch our breath before we bounce down Highway 2 to Calgary, our sister city, where we always receive a warm welcome, even if we're prettier. (kidding... sorta)

Because Calgary is even closer than Vancouver is, and because Calgary's Court is only seven months younger than ours is, we have an even bigger turnout there than we do in Vancouver. Likewise, we always manage to make an impact at their ball too (even if that impact is lessened by those dang Edmonton's Village People consistently stealing our thunder with their amazing choreography and never-give-up insistence that people still enjoy them).

Calgary is the home city of both Ida's and my out-of-town halves. As a result of that, we like getting down there to party, just because. A Coronation makes the trip all the more fun. This year, their Silver Jubilee, should be a Calgary Coronation to end all Calgary

Coronations. Cory and Helen have traveled across North America this year, promoting their Court, their Coronation, and their city, to almost 40 cities (I think). Some of you might remember the huge number Cory and a dozen Cowtown Queens did at our last Coronation - if that's representative of what we can expect in April, it will be a journey through the stargate well worth driving that boring

highway between Leduc and Red Deer.

Because this is such an important Coronation, because they have three candidates running for each position, and because of the close personal and professional ties between many in Edmonton and Calgary's courts, you can expect the Big Onion to invade Calgary in record numbers. It truly is a party you won't want to miss, so think about coming down for that one.

Of course, try as we might, we can't say that all our motives for working so hard to make an impact Out-of-Town are altruistic. The bigger splash we make, the likelier of getting more Out-of-Town'ers to show

up in AUGUST. It's about being fabulous, which Big Onion girls seem instinctively to know how to do. It's about having crazy fun, which us wildest party children have no problems with at all. And it's about showing the world that Edmonton is, without a doubt, a court and a coronation no one wants to miss.





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# Exploring Bareback Confessions

By the Gay Men's  
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Jerome writes, "I'm really tired of fucking with rubbers. Sometimes I tell guys. It hasn't scared too many of them away.

Sometimes it makes them want it more, rough, raw and hard. It isn't my problem, it's theirs."

As the Coordinator of the Gay Men's Outreach Crew, I am frequently confronted with this attitude time and time again. Some guys are still willing to be the "macho, tough guy" willing to let a guy fuck them without a condom and risk any disease entering their body. Many tops (the guy who prefers to fuck the other guy) still believe they are immune to HIV and other STD's.

How wrong they are. No physical body, nor height, weight, or other bodily endowments are immune to HIV. If you are a bottom and bareback consistently with multiple sex partners, chances are you will become infected. If you are a top, you are still at risk through scrapes/cuts on your dick exchanging with the fluid of the guy you fuck. Try fucking with a condom...ribbed and extra lubricated add to the wonderful

sensation! And fucking with a condom greatly reduces the risk of disease for both partners.

**"If the guy I fuck wants me to use a condom, that's his problem," Gary writes. "I'd always used a condom before and I'm positive now. I have to spend my life taking pills that make me sick, not knowing how something like that happened."**

As I wrote in my first column of Times.<sup>10</sup> "Never Assume," I shared the story of my friend who became positive even though he had always engaged in safer sex. Gary's story is amazingly similar. The only 100% safe sex is no sex, which isn't practical for anybody. But you can use condoms and communicate with your partner, lowering the risk for everyone involved.

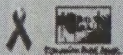
"I'm positive and I don't want to deal with the responsibility of talking to people, educating them every time when we're having sex," Yan says. "Sometimes I use rubbers. Sometimes I don't. So I try to stick with other

men who are positive. It is just less stress."

Yan clearly describes the difficulty being honest and open about HIV and safer sex as a positive man. Yan also described that he is often assumed to be negative, because he's healthy and fit. To assume, "Man, he looks great, he must be negative, no need to use a condom," then we are entering dangerous territory. We need to remember that we truly don't know one another's status of STD's or HIV, but we can be reasonably certain with physical checkups and annual HIV screening exams. We can also still have mind-blowing sex with men who are HIV positive. Although we may be sometime away from discovering a cure, perhaps one solution lies within ourselves: asking questions, communicate with our partners, and most importantly, changing our behaviours.

For more information about the dangers of barebacking, or if you would like to learn more about safer sex or would like to volunteer and join the GMOC crew, please call Rob at: 488-0564 or email [gmoc@interbaun.com](mailto:gmoc@interbaun.com)

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"John is top, Mike is bottom, but when they have sex, they use condoms. They don't want to risk getting infected with HIV. So they use condoms. They use condoms."

"George is top, but when he has sex, he uses condoms. He doesn't want to risk getting infected with HIV. So he uses condoms. He uses condoms."

"The bottom is the bottom, it doesn't matter if it's top or bottom. They use condoms. They use condoms."

"It's a tough game when you're having an intimate disease. It's a tough game. But when you love, you use condoms. You use condoms."

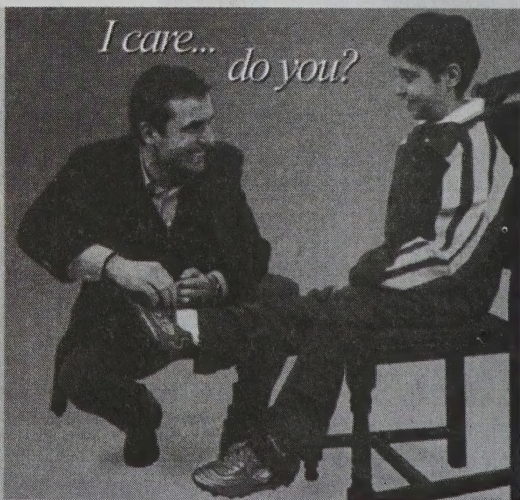
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# How Thabo Mbeki Could Still Win the AIDS Debate

*By Charles Ortleb*

Legend has it that South African President Thabo Mbeki discovered AIDS dissent on the Internet. It's a shame that he didn't look further and find out more about AIDS dissent than he currently seems to know. He is overlooking an alternative view of the epidemic that is more grounded in reality than the one that has made him so controversial. Ironically, this other view also holds that HIV is not the cause of AIDS, but argues that there is a real AIDS epidemic and a real AIDS virus.

President Mbeki has adopted the position on

AIDS, which is supported by some major scientific minds and at least one Nobel Prize winner. That position basically holds that the epidemiology of AIDS, as well as the laws of scientific proof, does not support the notion that HIV is the cause of AIDS. While I believe these HIV dissenters are on the money on that score, there is more to the AIDS story than that. And there is another way of looking at AIDS that doesn't result in their absurd position of saying that there is no real cohesive, contagious international epidemic of immune dysfunction that is shortening the lives of millions. It is the absurdity of that position that has made the AIDS dissent establishment (yes, they too have an "establishment") so ineffective in challenging the prevailing AIDS paradigm.

If President Mbeki wants a crack at winning the AIDS debate, he needs to focus on two things: the definition of AIDS and HHV-6, the other virus which has been linked to the international epidemic.

A disastrously incorrect definition of AIDS, crafted by America's Centres for Disease Control, has sent the world's scientific

community on a hunt for an agent that will correlate with a far too narrowly defined group of sick people. HIV is a mistake because the CDC definition of AIDS is a mistake. At the same time that America's gay community was being hit by "AIDS," a growing number of American heterosexuals (who didn't use recreational drugs or have any lifestyle risk factors) were coming into their doctors offices with serious immune dysfunction. Because their immune dysfunction was not as dramatic as that seen in the first gay AIDS cases, their epidemic was basically swept under the rug. Sometimes several members in a family had the same symptoms of immune dysfunction. They were told they had "Chronic Fatigue Syndrome" and the American scientific community added insult to injury by telling them that they had a psychoneurotic disorder rather than that they were the heterosexual face of AIDS. Because the American AIDS and CFS establishment doesn't want the public to know that this is really one epidemic, the only statistics we have for the prevalence of the CFS/AIDS epidemic are informal, but it seems to affect millions, and the real number of cases actually may be more in line with the percentage of people in South Africa



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who supposedly have "AIDS."

My first bit of strategic advice to President Mbeki is to raise the question of whether America's AIDS establishment is refusing to admit that our massive CFS epidemic is part of AIDS. If Thabo Mbeki or anyone else starts reading everything about CFS, I think they will at least come to the conclusion that the notion that CFS and AIDS are the part of the same epidemic is at least a reasonable hypothesis and should be part of a vigorous debate about the real nature of AIDS. Once it is established that they are part of the same epidemic, the HIV theory may die a quick death because all AIDS and CFS cases do not seem to test positive for HIV. It will probably turn out that the dissenters who inspired President Mbeki were at least half right.

The second strategic move is to raise the question of whether HHV-6A is the real AIDS virus. Even a little Internet surfing will show that HHV-6A deserves to be at the centre of the AIDS debate. Extensive research shows that HHV-6A dramatically destroys the immune system in a way that HIV does not. But because it is also destroying

the immune systems of people with CFS and some other immune disorders, its role has been obscured by the racial and sexual politics of epidemiology.

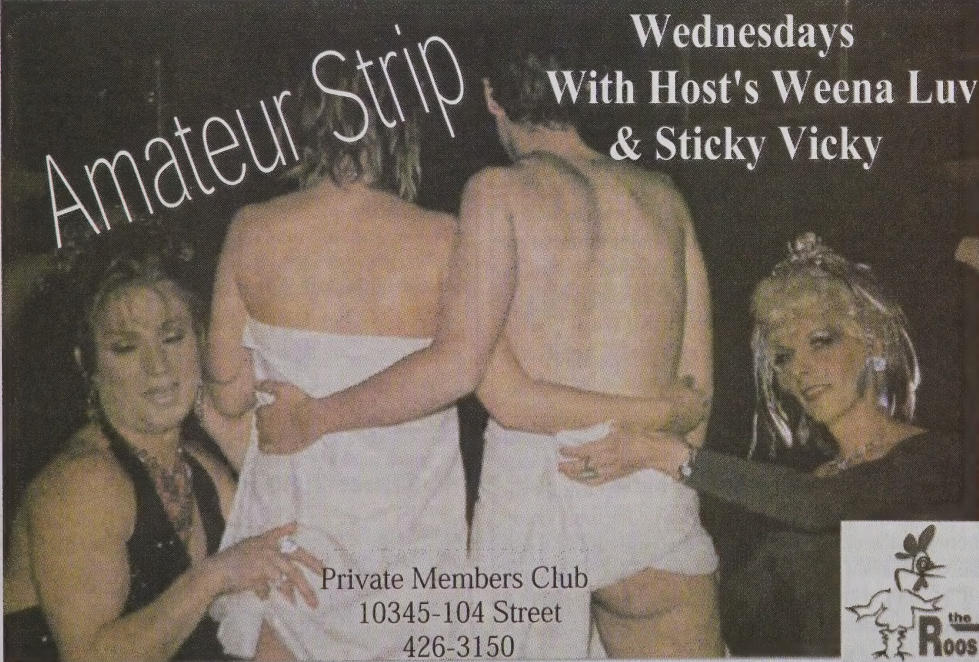
Haven't the doomsday scenarios of the massive heterosexual epidemic in Africa made anyone wonder why there is no massive AIDS epidemic among non-drug using heterosexuals in America? Unfortunately, there is one. It's just that the American medical establishment covers it up by calling it Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. It's smarmy and ridiculous for America to be sanctimoniously pointing the prurient, racist finger at Africa and lecturing the continent about testing, prevention and treatment, when we have yet to tell our own people the truth about the extent of the American heterosexual AIDS epidemic. Most Americans have yet to be told about the devastating role of HHV-6A in AIDS and CFS.

Thabo Mbeki shouldn't be afraid to talk about HHV-6A because the research already done will back him up. Knowledge is power. The more people know about HHV-6A, the more they will be able to challenge the HIV propaganda.

Let me close with a practical suggestion for President Mbeki. As soon as possible, hold an emergency international conference in South Africa called "AIDS, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and HHV-6." Invite the handful of leading HHV-6A researchers, which includes the so-called discoverer of HIV and HHV-6, Robert Gallo. Also invite the leading CFS researchers from America and around the world. Many of the American CFS researchers have directly or indirectly linked AIDS and CFS. Some have been marginalized or defunded. Some live in fear of speaking their minds. Perhaps at this conference they will be able to tell the whole world the truth about AIDS, CFS and HHV-6A.

Above all, I hope Thabo Mbeki will remain courageous. The people who have tried to silence his questions about AIDS are actually just bullies. Surely the AIDS bullies will turn out to be no more formidable than the ones President Mbeki helped defeat during Apartheid.


(Charles Ortleb is the author of "The Closing Argument," a novella about AIDS and racial politics. An excerpt of the book can be found online at <http://www.gaywit.com>)



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## What A Difference

*By Laurie Blakeman  
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What a difference a year makes! About this time last year, Albertans were heading to the polls in a provincial election. During that time, the Klein Conservatives made a lot of promises and handed out a lot of election goodies. Things sure have changed a year later.

Last year, there were rebates to pay for electricity. Today our electricity bills have gone up enormously because we are paying the deferred rate rider from 2000 AND the difference between the capped rate and the market rate from 2001. All on top of our regular electricity bill.

Last year, we were

receiving gas rebates. Today, we are paying much more to heat our homes.

A year ago, our doctors and nurses received wage increases of over 20% and teachers were told that they would be "looked after". Today, teachers have been offered a 6% pay raise over two years and are currently on strike.

Last year, the Klein government was pondering getting rid of health care premiums all together, or at least for seniors. Today, we're looking at paying 50% more and many services previously covered will be eliminated.

Just one year ago, the Conservatives made a commitment that no child in their care would be put at risk. Today, we are seeing major elimination of prevention programs and cuts in other programs for children who desperately need the government's help.

A year ago, the Klein government said it was going to be tough on crime. Today, our access to justice has been compromised. We have vacancies on the judicial bench, our crown prosecutors are underpaid and

overworked and our courtrooms are in temporary locations and are too few to handle all the cases.

A year ago, the Conservatives mocked the Alberta Liberals because we suggested that there is a need for a financial stabilization fund to shield us during our down times. Today, the PCs have stopped laughing and have taken the steps to implement this type of fund – and once again taken the credit for our good idea.

A year ago, the Klein

government committed itself to upholding the Canada Health Act. Today, universal health care is in serious jeopardy. They are not looking at how to improve the system or how to re-structure the system, just at how they can transfer more costs directly to Albertans.

What a difference a year makes – especially when it's not an election year.

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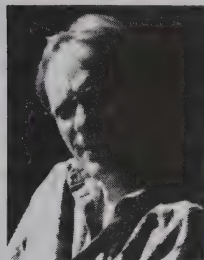
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# Commentary

By Dennis Cambly  
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## A Formidable Potential Synthesis

Well, what should we accept this week, since being queer is the latest rage amongst the trendoids? Yes, we will demand Queer Rights and if the does not work perhaps we could ask for Fag Rights or even better still good old fashioned Pervert Rights. Yes, that's it: we want rights for the Perverts!

Since these words are openly used by the homosexual and heterosexual world then we could agree on something. The Queer wanna-b's might look up the word prior to using it and find definitions ranging from "slightly ill to giddy".

These words have been used over the years to put

down anyone homosexual. A negative connotation placed on a seemingly helpless minority. Then along came the word "gay" and "lesbian". Good camouflage except that the mainstream of society saw these people as anything but gay. Lesbian of course is attributed to the Greek goddess Lesbos and her followers, the inhabitants of Lesbos.

Perhaps we could begin to label ourselves, since we do seem to enjoy labels, as Homosexuals. A word that is simply an adjective describing the fact that we are attracted persons of our own sex. Instead of hiding behind all of these facades let's tell it as it really is. Okay all you people who have not decided what label you desire, come on out and join with the thousands of other homosexuals here in our city and around the world. Out here in Alberta thought we must consider it Homo, Homo on the range.

If for a minute one could stop and look at all the confusion caused by all these fancy words describing a sexual act it does get rather funny. Not so funny though for the person who is sitting at home, scared and full of fear that someone might know. Chances are that someone does know and probably doesn't give it any further thought. It is a head game that the public media

has been playing on us for years. Then again we know all about head games as we play them all the time. Got to move on in and make every attempt to rip something to pieces that good-hearted community members have spent countless hours building.

If you were asked to go into a scary dark place to check things out, what would you say? Are you a little afraid to make the first step? The suggestion, which is planted into our minds at a very early age, is that we are "deviant, perverted, sick just to name a few. What we have been attempting to show with this magazine is that we are caring, loving individuals, who just happen to have a same sex preference called Homosexuality. We have intelligence, kindness, compassion, charity, feelings and every once and a while, we even know how to have a good time without cutting each others throats.

Do we have good support groups for people dealing with their sexuality? Are people able to make a phone call to a complete stranger asking for help and not be the target of a "pick up"? Do we treat the new person

on the scene with some dignity and respect? Do we care about any new person on the scene or just show our "compassion" to the pretty new face, lick our lips, and move in before anybody else gets the chance to say a real hello. When we see a new person, do we look over the outer clothing before we get to know the actual person? When a new person enters one of our organizations or hangouts do they have to be called a "slut", "tramp" or "whore" by the old boys?

We as a part of society have been asking for rights of the greater society. It's it about time that we started showing ourselves who and what we really are?

Here are some words from Paul Teilhard de Chardin that somehow seem appropriate for those that see society as a total unit:

*...its human particles taken as a whole, still posses a formidable potential synthesis: then our present situation cannot be anything but "energetically" unstable. We cannot stay where we are at present, either physically or psychically....*

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# A View from the Top

By Sir Scott

## The year in review

February 16, 2002 marked the 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Northern Chaps and we celebrated the event at Woody's Pub (upstairs from Buddys Night Club). As I stepped away from the executive of the club to

allow new blood to lead us into the future, the event gave me pause to reflect on what we as an executive had been able to accomplish over the last couple of years. The list was rather lengthy but I would like to share a couple of what I consider the highlights to be.

One of the proudest accomplishments was the opening of a dialogue with the EOS group in the city. EOS is a basically heterosexual B&D group that had very little interaction with Northern Chaps. After two years of talking and attending each others events the

result has been almost a complete integration of both groups. The culmination of this was last weekend when the EOS group hosted their



Lupricallia event and workshop weekend at the same time our Black Ice event was held. The feeling of family was completely evident and went a long way to breaking down the barriers between gay and straight.

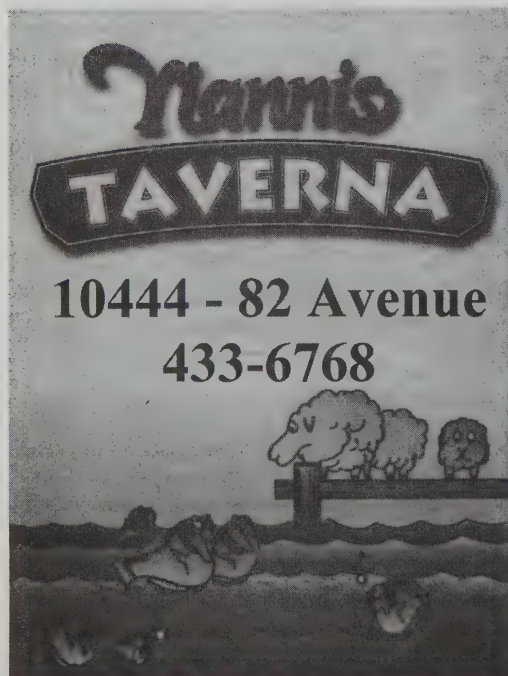
Next on the list is the creation of our own title contest, the Mr. Edmonton Leather held during pride week as the Leather entry into the week long festivities. This year's contest has been set at June 15 at the Old Strathcona bus barns and promises to be another fun time for all attendees. Our current Mr. Edmonton, Geoff Williams, has been a wonderful ambassador of our lifestyle to several other groups and has thoroughly enjoyed himself during his term.

Finally our general acceptance in the community at large has increased immensely over the last 2 years. We, as a club of volunteers, have provided security and participated in numerous community events. The reaction has gradually faded from fear to acceptance, which is so gratifying it is difficult to put into words.

The next event on the leather calendar is another local event that Northern Chaps will participate in as well. Our first Ms. Edmonton Leather contest will be hosted in early April at Secrets Bar and Grill. This is a very proud moment for me as the womyn in our community have banded together to create this contest. Straight, Gay and bisexual womyn in this city have seen the need and stepped up to the plate to create some awareness of whom and what they are. Congratulations to all the organizers of this event. Speaking from experience I know the type of dedication and effort it takes to create something like this. To that point I have offered this column to the organizers for next month to explain who they are.

As always Northern Chaps will continue to meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at Buddy's night club. We welcome all interested people to come and join us.

Yours in Leather  
Sir Scott





# Songs for Emily

## Emily Morgan has Cystic Fibrosis

This genetically inherited disease attacks both the digestive and pulmonary (lung) systems. By allowing the formation of thick mucous that attracts bacteria (which cause infection)

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### Digestive Concerns

Emily's digestive system cannot process fat on its own, and therefore, she needs to take enzymes

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Digests her food. Emily needs a high calorie intake because she burns 60% more energy at rest than the average child, simply in order to breathe. Increased fat content will help her body grow and develop properly, and to remain strong to fight infections. Recently, Emily had a feeding tube inserted into her stomach to allow a nutritional supplement to be fed to her during the night, ensuring. She consumes at least 1400 calories and 60 grams of fat daily.

### Breathing Concerns

Emily's lungs are much weaker than most children, as she has

suffered through repeated bouts of pneumonia and lung infections throughout her young life. At home, she is on 24-hour oxygen, takes inhaled medications, and completes lung physiotherapy. Her masks and physiocollectively. Take at approximately 3 hours of her day.

Emily cannot participate in the running and skipping games, cannot climb stars or walk long distances. She often can't ride a bike or play sports. Often, she does not have the energy to play with her six year old sister Lucy. Emily will cough many times throughout the day, depending on her condition at the time. This is necessary so that she may expel the phlegm that has gathered in her lungs.

Emily is a strong-spirited and bright girl who, at the age 9, has had to endure more discomfort and pain than most adults ever will in a lifetime. However, she does not like to dwell on her illness, or use it as an excuse. Her parents are so proud of her for that. In December, Emily completed the rigorous

Transplant Assessment at the Toronto Sick Kids Hospital, and her name is now on the listed on the organ recipient list. The Morgan Family anxiously awaits a call that will change their lives forever.

Well after anxiously waiting on Feb 15th the Morgan Family received the call from the transplant team in Toronto. They had received lungs for Emily. The lungs were transplanted successfully on Feb 16th after a 7 hour operation. Emily is recovering at the Toronto Sick Childrens Hospital, Emily and her Family will be residing in Toronto during her 3 month recovery.

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# Blair Supports Anti- Gay Marriage Group

An organisation that actively discriminates against lesbians and gay men says that it has the support of Prime Minister Tony Blair. Futureway, the organisers of National Marriage Week, which runs from 10-17 February, say that they have received letters of support from Blair.

Futureway is a faith-based group that is backed by a number of religious representatives, including Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks and Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor, alongside secular organisations, including Relate and the National Family and Parenting Institute.

National Marriage Week states: "Marriage is a lifelong, heterosexual, monogamous commitment". A spokeswoman for Futureway told RainbowNetwork that their organisation would never support homosexual relationships, same-sex marriage or partnership rights for unmarried people.

She said: "The foundation of society was built on heterosexual relationships. That is still the law at the moment, and we support the legal form of marriage." She added: "If we could help people build fulfilling heterosexual relationships then hopefully we could rediscover the foundations of society in the traditional way of family life."

The spokeswoman, who declined to give her full name, said that gay partnerships were inferior to heterosexual marriage. She said that even granted partnership rights, which the government is currently investigating, "There is no proof that homosexuals would stay together, or that these relationships could make up a cornerstone of society and be a good place in which to bring up children, whereas heterosexual marriage has been proved to work over the years."

National Marriage Week promotional material says that it is "a modern, friendly and encouraging initiative". The spokeswoman denied that the organisation was excluding lesbians and gay men. She said: "Actually, the lesbian and gay movement have excluded married people. As a married person myself, I've been married 21 years, I've felt very excluded. Things have actually got worse for us because of the way organisations such as single sex ones are trying to push their rights." The spokeswoman said that Prime Minister Tony Blair has "shown support" for National Marriage Week through letters and other communications, but would

not give details because she "didn't have the paperwork to hand". Ben Wilson, a Downing Street representative, said that Blair had been asked to participate in the launch of National Marriage Week but had declined because of diary commitments.

Wilson said that although the government was considering drafting legislation granting rights for unmarried couples, including lesbians and gay men, "the government supports the institution of marriage, so in the past they have wished National Marriage Week success." He said: "The views of the organisers are a matter for them alone."

Sally Noel, a representative for Relate, defended the group's backing of National Marriage Week. She said: "We were invited guests at

the event, we did not organise it." She continued: "Relate believes that marriage is not the only healthy and secure form of relationship, just the most obvious." Keith Porteous Wood, executive director of the National Secular Society, said: "We hope that by associating himself with this organisation, Blair isn't giving the message that there is no place for gays and lesbians in the realm of long term partnerships."

He concluded: "Giving recognition to gay relationships poses absolutely no threat to heterosexual marriage, but would put right a longstanding injustice." RainbowNetwork is Britain's biggest media group serving the lesbian and gay community.

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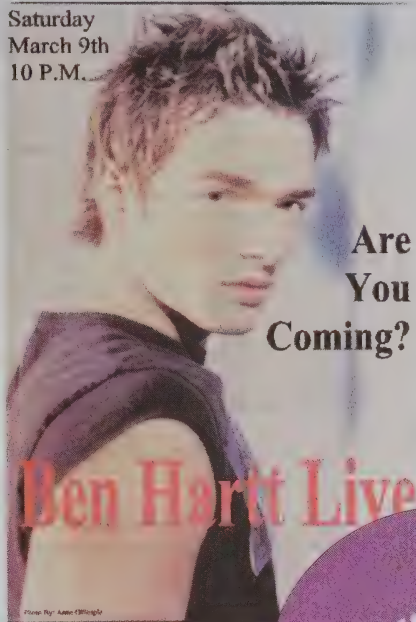


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## Alberta Pflag

Meets the last Sunday of each month at Knox-Met Church. The Church is located at the corner of 109 Street and 83 Avenue. Meeting time is 2 P.M. Contact Ellen by phone at 465-3057 or by e-mail [showrlish@compusmart.ab.ca](mailto:showrlish@compusmart.ab.ca).

## Alcoholics Anonymous

A A is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. Call 424-5900 for times and places of Gay and Lesbian meetings.

## Arctic Front Runners

We are a group of gay and lesbian runners that meet on Sunday mornings for a run on the river valley trail system. We are a recreational group and runners of all speeds are welcome. The length of our runs varies from about 7 to 10 km. We yak, laugh, and socialize during the runs and often go for brunch together afterward. During the spring,

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summer, and fall, we meet beneath the electronic sign at 87 Ave and 114 St on the University campus at 11:00 AM. For more information, call Bill at 436-7892.

## AXIOS - Edmonton

AXIOS is an international organization of Eastern Orthodox and Eastern-Rite Catholic Gay and Lesbian Christians. Our mandate is to promote a greater understanding of human sexuality and spirituality within the Eastern Christian tradition. The AXIOS monthly newsletter is available via the Internet.

## Badminton League

The badminton league is designed for men and women of all ages and experience. Players who are interested can participate in Calgary's Western Cup Tournament during the Easter Long Weekend. For further information, please contact Bruce at 453-1244 (email: [cwbyteddy@powersurfr.com](mailto:cwbyteddy@powersurfr.com)) or Dennis at 471-4409.

## The B.E.A.R.S of Edmonton

A group for hairy men and their admirers meet the first and third Saturday of each month 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. at Buddys Night Club. Or write us at #47, 10024-82nd Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6E 1Z3.

## Brethren Mennonite Council

For Gay, Lesbian and

Bisexual concerns. This is a support community for gay, lesbian and bisexual Mennonites and friends. Contact Tim at 434-5360 or Heather at 987-4974. email address [jonrach@msn.com](mailto:jonrach@msn.com)

## Dignity Edmonton

This Edmonton chapter is a support community for gay and lesbian Catholics and friends. Contact Bernard at 451-1794 or Joseph at 481-4218

## Classics

A social group for lesbians over 40. Meetings on the first Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. Call Donna at 456-1008

## Edmonton PFLAG/T

Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays. Edmonton PFLAG/T promotes the health and well-being of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender persons, their families and friends through support, education and advocacy. Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at GLCCE. For information contact, Lynne at 462-5958 or e-mail: [pflag@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca](mailto:pflag@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca).

## Edmonton Prime Timers

We are a chapter of Prime Timers Worldwide, an international social organization for mature gay and bisexual men and their younger friends over 21. Our activities include: theatre nights, video nights, pub nights, Sunday brunches,

and dining out. We meet the second Sunday of every month (except July and August) at 3:00 PM at the Unitarian Church of Edmonton (12530 110 Ave.) for a social period, a guest speaker, and an optional supper at a restaurant. For more information, contact Peter at 426-7019, Ron by e-mail at [mercury@planet.eon.net](mailto:mercury@planet.eon.net), or better yet...join us at our monthly meeting.

## Edmonton Rainbow Business

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Equal=Alberta [Edmonton]

Equal=Alberta [Edmonton] is a group of concerned citizens working to ensure gay and lesbian Albertans remain protected under Alberta's Human Rights Legislation and to ensure equal treatment for all Albertans. Call: (780) 488-3234 Fax (780) 482-2855. By Email: [equalalberta@hotmail.com](mailto:equalalberta@hotmail.com)

#### Free-To-Be Volleyball Association

The Association aspires to provide opportunities for our community to play volleyball in a supportive atmosphere. 1) C-Recreation - contact Alex at 488-8484; 2) Beach (summer) - info to follow; 3) B-Intermediate - contact Darcy at 437-6698; Email: [volleyball@queerseek.com](mailto:volleyball@queerseek.com) Website: FTB Volleyball <http://www.queerseek.com/freetobe/>

#### Gay Men's Wednesday Coffee Evenings.

At 7:30 p.m. Cafe on Whyte at 10159 - 82 Avenue. This group fosters a safe, comfortable environment for all its participants. At the same time, it discourages attendance solely for sexual relations. E-mail Jared at [rainbowboy2000@hotmail.com](mailto:rainbowboy2000@hotmail.com)

#### Gay Men's Outreach Crew (GMOC)

GMOC is a peer education initiative for gay/bisexual men that works toward: preventing the spread of HIV among men who have sex with men, advocating for healthy lifestyle choices, and addressing social and health

concerns by fostering self-esteem and gay positive attitudes. For information on GMOC workshops and other activities, please call Rob at (780) 488-0564

#### HIV Network of Edmonton Society (HIV Edmonton)

HIV Edmonton works cooperatively with all those organizations in Alberta and across the country who are working to help limit the spread of HIV infection. HIV Edmonton utilizes a best practices Harm Reduction approach in Health Promotion, Advocacy and Support, as well as, maintaining an extensive Resource Centre for use by health practitioners, health promoters, community organizations and those infected and affected by HIV. For more information on the activities of HIV Edmonton, please call (780) 488-5742 or contact us by email at [mail@hivedmonton.com](mailto:mail@hivedmonton.com). Visit our Website at HIV Edmonton <http://www.hivedmonton.com/>

#### Illusions Social Club

A social club for Cross-dressers, Transsexuals and their supporters. We hold two socials each month, one on the second Thursday and one on the third Saturday. For more information, write to Illusions Social Club, Box 356, Main Post Office, Edmonton, AB, T5J 2J6. Phone: 424-2685 to talk to someone person to person.

#### Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose

The mission of the Court is to raise funds for charities and other organizations,

which provide direct services to gay and lesbian individuals. Meetings of the Society are held at 8 PM on the last Wednesday of the month at the Garage. Our e-mail is:

[wildrosecourt@yahoo.com](mailto:wildrosecourt@yahoo.com). Visit our Website is at: Wild Rose Court <http://www.geocities.com/wildrosecourt/>

#### ICARE Interfaith Centre for AIDS/HIV Resources & Education

Formerly Interfaith Association on AIDS, the purpose of Interfaith Centre is to enhance well-being by offering resources and opportunities for education to service providers and communities. This will lead to an increased understanding of the spiritual and psychosocial needs of those affected by HIV & AIDS. You can contact us at 780-448-1768 or by e-mail at [icarealberta@aol.com](mailto:icarealberta@aol.com)

#### Lambda Christian Community Church

We are a non-denominational evangelical Christian church. One of our primary goals is to provide a safe and affirming environment for all who desire to worship God. Lambda Community Church, 11148-84 Avenue (Garneau United Place) Edmonton, T6G 0V8. Call 474-0753. Weekly Sunday service at 7 p.m. e-mail at [Lambdachurch@aol.com](mailto:Lambdachurch@aol.com)

#### Liatris Society

An informal social group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, Transgendered and straight

people who enjoy gardening and outdoor nature activities. For information, contact [liatrisociety@hotmail.com](mailto:liatrisociety@hotmail.com) or John at 434-5817.

#### Liaison Committee, The

In June of 1993, Edmonton Police Service and the Gay and Lesbian community met for a liaison to promote an atmosphere of understanding and mutual respect. For more info, call Edmonton Police Service at 423-4567 or contact the committee at 421-2277

#### Living Positive

Emotional, spiritual and psychological support is available through Living Positive to all those affected by HIV infection. We offer strong, loving, confidential support. We also meet weekly and share our mutual experiences. Living Positive is entirely directed by and for people who share a common diagnosis of HIV+. Peer counselling, hospital visits and a speakers bureau are also available through our society. Phone 488-5768 or e-mail: [livepos@telusplanet.net](mailto:livepos@telusplanet.net).

#### Long Yang Club Edmonton Chapter (Group events pending)

#### Lutherans Concerned: Edmonton

We are a spiritual community for lesbian, gay, bisexual and straight people. Lutherans Concerned gathers monthly for worship, sharing, and friendship. We offer



individual support and a safe space for our own spiritual questions. Call 426-0905, or write P.O. Box 11095, Edmonton, AB, T5J 3K4 e-mail: [lylemillang@powersurfr.com](mailto:lylemillang@powersurfr.com)

### Making Waves Swim Club (MWSC)

Open to all who are interested in lane swimming in a Masters GLBT club, we provide coaching to all levels of swimmers - those wishing to learn, those wishing to improve stroke technique and those wishing to train competitively. Drop in opportunity gives you flexibility to match your schedule. We swim at Bonnie Doon Leisure Centre, 8648 - 81 Street, Edmonton from September to June. Our members enjoy numerous social events arranged by the club. Please feel free to contact us to find out more information: Contact us at: 1. WebPages: [http://www.geocities.com/makingwaves\\_edm/home.htm](http://www.geocities.com/makingwaves_edm/home.htm). 2. E-mail: [makingwaves\\_edm@yahoo.com](mailto:makingwaves_edm@yahoo.com) 3. Phone: Warren 780-718-7598. 4. Attend a practice - your first swim is free!

Metropolitan Community Church of Edmonton (M.C.C.)  
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### NLA Edmonton

The National Leather Association is the largest and most active pansexual organization in the world. It serves the Leather, SM, Fetish communities. We are an all inclusive organization  
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made up of fun-loving, caring, educated and focused people. Join us at our meetings held upstairs at The Roost, 10345-104 Street every 3rd Thursday of the month.

### Northern Chaps

Edmonton's Leather - Fetish club for Gay, Lesbian, and straight men and women was established sixteen years ago. We strike to educate the rest of the community through workshops, staged demonstrations and events in order to heighten awareness. Northern Chaps meets at Buddy's Nite Club the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. E-mail us at: [Northernchaps@telusplanet.net](mailto:Northernchaps@telusplanet.net)

### Northern Lights Square Dance Club

We are part of the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs. Everyone is invited to participate in this non-discriminatory, supportive, fun and stimulating square dance club. Singles and couples are welcome. No special clothing is needed. Comfortable shoes are recommended. We meet every Wednesday, starting September 12, at 7:00P.M., St. Kevin school, 10005-84St., Edmonton. For more information contact Denis at 780-922-4355. E-mail us at: [bflorapro@aol.com](mailto:bflorapro@aol.com)

### Northern Titans

Northern Titans International Bowling League meets every Wednesday and Saturday, September to April, at Gateway Bowling Centre.

For more information, please call (780) 426-6311. WebPages at: <http://www.geocities.com/northerntitans/>

### O2 Curling

We meet on Fridays 6:30 OR 9:00 p.m. at the Ottewell Curling Club. All skill levels, singles or teams are welcome. Call 479-0211 or E-mail us at: [1deeka@hotmail.com](mailto:1deeka@hotmail.com)

### Open Door Club

Grant MacEwan College group. Anyone is welcome, including students, college employees, people from the area, perspective students, alumni or people who are interested in meeting other people. Our WebPages are at: <http://www.geocities.com/opendoorclub/> or E-mail us at: [opendoorclub@hotmail.com](mailto:opendoorclub@hotmail.com)

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### OUTreach

OUTreach is a university-based organization for gays, lesbians and bisexuals interested in an academic atmosphere. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. at the second cup on campus. Topics vary from week to week. Additional information is available by e-mail: [outreach@ualberta.ca](mailto:outreach@ualberta.ca). They also have a WebPages at OUTreach U of A <http://www.ualberta.ca/~outreach>

### Team Edmonton

Team Edmonton - Gay Games Association is set up to provide an opportunity for persons interested in participating in the Gay Games through fund raising. If you would like to be involved with Team Edmonton, call Johann at 437-0687.

### Yours Mine Ours and Us

Parenting support group for glbt parents, partners. Meets the first and third Wed. of the month from 7 - 9 p.m. Small donations for room costs. Issues of parenting, sharing skills, coming out to kids, discipline etc. Call Liz at 415-5434 or Garry at 426-6311 for more information. This is peer



support, not a therapy group, nor a dating service. WebPages at: Yours Mine Ours Us [http://www.geocities.com/yvou\\_1999/](http://www.geocities.com/yvou_1999/)

**Youth Understanding Youth**  
We meet every Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the gay and lesbian Centre of Edmonton, Suite 103, 10612-124 Street. A social support group for anyone under the age of 25 years. For more information, or to give your input, e-mail: [yuyedm@hotmail.com](mailto:yuyedm@hotmail.com). Our WebPages are at Youth Understanding Youth <http://www.virtue.nu/yuy/>

**Visions - Unitarian Church of Edmonton**

We are an open, liberal religious community that value diversity and celebrate our Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered members. With us, you are encouraged with open mind and heart to form your own set of personal beliefs. Sunday services at 9:30am and 11:15am. 12530 - 110 Avenue Ph. 454-8073. For more information, call Mike at 482-6582.

**Volleyball Recreation League**

We meet every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at McCauley Elementary-Jr. High School, 9538-107 Avenue. Updates available at: <http://www.telusplanet.net/public/aschust/vball/crec.htm>

**Volleyball Intermediate League**

We meet every Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. at

**Londonderry Jr. High School, 7104-144 Avenue.**  
Updates available at: Volleyball Intermediate

**Womyn's Volleyball League**

**Free-To-Be Volleyball Association** has initiated a womyn's only league for the first time this year. The season runs until May 28 and new members are welcome at any point. A drop-in fee of \$5 or a registration fee of \$35 is in effect. Monday nights 7 - 9 p.m. at Highlands Jr. High School (11509 - 62 St. - please use entrance off parking lot. For more information, please contact: Pam at 459-9370 [p\\_mcewin@hotmail.com](mailto:p_mcewin@hotmail.com) or Jenn at 424-5100 [grnwolf@hotmail.com](mailto:grnwolf@hotmail.com)

**Womonspace**

We are a social and recreational society for lesbians in Edmonton. We hold monthly dances and other activities. Look for our monthly newsletter around town, or phone 482-1794. Visit our WebPages at Womonspace <http://www.gaycanada.com/womonspace/>

**Writers Club**  
(Group events pending)

## Regional Organizations

AIDS Yellowknife  
Website: AIDS Yellowknife <http://www.ssimicro.com/aids/>

**Freedom Fort McMurray**

A social Support group for Gays/Lesbian/Bisexual &

Transgendered Persons and their friends. For information on upcoming events and inquiring into membership, please call our Freedom line (780) 799-GAY1 (4291). To speak directly with a welcoming committee member, call between 3-6pm on Tuesdays or Thursdays. You may mail us at Freedom Fort McMurray c/o Money Mart Suite #1, 9713 Harding St. Fort McMurray, AB T9H 1L2.

**Grande Prairie Gay and Lesbian Community, Box 1492, Grande Prairie, AB T8V 4Z3.** E-mail: [gpgayorg@hotmail.com](mailto:gpgayorg@hotmail.com)

**Northern Rainbow Youth**  
A support group for High School students. Our email address is

[nry13\\_18@hotmail.com](mailto:nry13_18@hotmail.com).

Any high school student can get more info by contacting their school guidance counsellor. If you want more info yourself, then you can call Crystal at (780) 790-0775 at work.

**Out North**  
Box 2827, Yellowknife, NT., X1A 2R2, Phone line: 867-669-7279. WebPages: <http://www.yellowknife.com/partan/outnorth.htm> E-mail: [out\\_north99@hotmail.com](mailto:out_north99@hotmail.com)

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# HIV/ AIDS: it's not Only about Condoms

## Part 2 of "I care... Do you?"

### HIV Edmonton

This is the second in a series of columns taking a look at the broader issues or determinants of gay/bisexual/men who have sex with men (MSM) health. The hope is to shed some light on the myriad of contributing factors impacting the continued increase in HIV/STD transmission in these populations. These articles will focus on the **Determinants of Health** that are also identified as the **Determinants of HIV/AIDS**.

AIDS Service Organizations (ASOs), such as HIV Edmonton, are becoming increasingly aware of the affects of the broader health and wellness issues facing all populations on their

vulnerability to disease. ASOs operate within Population Health principles, which means that the broader health and wellness issues or Determinants of Health within specific populations inform the focus of the work of ASOs within those populations.

The Determinants of HIV are broad issues and there is much to say about each of them. While Health Canada has identified twelve Determinants of Health, the National Reference Group who wrote *Framing Gay Men's Health in a Population Health Discourse*, have added another. We will examine only those determinants that have a direct link to the Determinants of HIV. In this article we will examine **Income & Social Status** and **Conditions That Affirm Coming Out**.

## Income and Social Status

While gay/bisexual men are thought to enjoy a better than average income when compared to their counterparts in the straight community or even the MSM who bridge the orientation space between, it is commonly felt that the vulnerable community within is underemployed and has not taken advantage of post-secondary education opportunities.

What are the reasons for

this? One could be classified under the thirteenth determinant as recommended in *"Framing Gay Men's Health in a Population Health Discourse"*, namely, "conditions that affirm coming out". Gay/bisexual men are constantly faced with the trauma of either keeping their lives secret or withstanding a barrage of bigotry if they don't. Many face family break-ups and harassment while trying to finish school. This is particularly true in secondary school where many withdraw from formal education at grades 10 to 12. In the work environment it is particularly difficult to hide if you tend to be more effeminate or tend toward gregariousness. Many choose to settle for work in the "service industry", for example, where their physical and emotional characteristics are more widely accepted. Many gay/bisexual men tend to be overlooked for promotion or raises when they clearly qualify or have "paid their dues".

There is a larger percentage of gay/bisexual youth who are homeless, mostly due to difficulties arising from their disclosing to family or because they don't want to risk the confrontation and just leave home without supports or means of sustaining themselves. This homelessness leads to choices that often put them at risk of HIV transmission. A homeless youth is more

apt to rely on the "kindness" of "predatory" individuals who will exchange food or temporary shelter and money for sex. The economic urgency in their lives will often propel the youth toward engaging in sexual activity that is not safe and because of the situation they find themselves in, non negotiable.

The circumstances for MSM are somewhat different. The term MSM is generally applied to men who are married/bi/"straight" and do or do not identify their sexual activity with men as gay activity. They do not identify with the gay community nor do they open their lives or activities up to question about sexual orientation. Usually their sexual activity is the only connection they have with gay/bisexual identifying men. This group of men have not let sexual orientation be a dominant guiding force in the way they structure their social or economic lives. Most are comfortably married or can comfortably cope with being married and have created careers around and out of the "straight" lives they lead. There are different levels and degrees to comfort and the fears or ignorance that influence those levels.

## Conditions that affirm coming out

The brakes go on in the



development of gay/bisexual youth (and lesbian and transgender youth) when it comes to establishment of healthy peer relationships, socialization, education, economic independence, and even romance. Gay/bisexual youth don't have the freedom either within themselves or actual freedom within their peer groups to explore their sexuality and subsequently, themselves. Much of the time is spent hiding and running or lying and scheming to lie. "Natural" adolescent development is stifled. The fear of discovery creates barriers to the full exploration of

sexuality, sexual activity, peer interactivity (both sexual and social), and the process of emotional attachment and commitment.

Youth in urban settings have more opportunities to discover themselves and to explore their sexuality. Rural youth do not. Often there is no choice around coming out. Rural youth experience a higher level of intolerance and plain old ignorance. Their rural communities have had little or no known contact with

gay/bisexual men and when they have there is the accompanying ignorance and bigotry that permeates any level of what might be seen as acceptance. Rural youth are more likely to escape their environments in favour of urban life and often without the information or capacities to survive in urban settings no matter their sexuality.

This is not a cut and dry issue. There are several implications that affect youth throughout their coming out process. One such implication is around dating. Our gay/bisexual youth don't

know how to ask for a date, how to flirt or make attraction known, how to date, how to conduct oneself on a date, the role of abstinence and the role of sex and when either is appropriate. Gay/bisexual youth have no reference points within their peer groups to compare their lives to. The emotional and physical expectations that inform the general youth population do not always, in fact seldom apply to our gay/bisexual youth. The expectations informing openly gay/bisexual youth is usually that it is not acceptable to "flaunt" their peculiarities.



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# Out On The Screen

All Is Fair in Love and War  
Videos  
Our Men and Women in the  
Military

By Steve Stewart

"If they took all the gays and lesbians out of the military there wouldn't be enough people left to defend Rhode Island!" — Christopher Bradley, *Leather Jacket Love Story* (1997)

"America Declares War on Terrorism" has rapidly gone from a headline to a slogan to a merchandising opportunity

for many businesses—including video stores. Those dusty, bottom-shelf military-themed videos are now front and center.

Every few years the military shifts its focus to a new target, but since the beginning of time—or so it seems—one enemy has remained in their sights—gay men and lesbians. But, like war itself, gay men and lesbians have been a part of the military for as long as there have been militaries. How do we know? It's all been caught on film, of course.

From lesbian Nazis, to transgender Samurai, bisexual Roman soldiers and gay African warriors, "don't ask, don't tell" videos have had a long and proud history. Then there are the inspiring

real-life stories, such as *Coming Out Under Fire* (1994), an award-winning documentary based on Allen Bérubé's book "Coming Out Under Fire: The History of Gay Men and Women in World War II." The film revolves around nine gay men



and lesbian officers who share their experiences, both positive and negative, while serving a government that viewed them as undesirable pariahs.

But in the end, it usually all comes down to one category, "Soldiers In Love," or at least in lust.

Director Max Farberbock's lavish production of *Aimée and Jaguar* (Germany/2000) falls into the "Lesbian Nazi" category and is set in war-torn

Berlin in 1943. Maria Schrader plays Felice, a free-spirited, Jewish lesbian, working undercover for a Nazi newspaper. Juliane Köhler plays her German lover Lilly Wust. Ignoring the fact that Berlin is being bombed daily,

these Blitzkrieg lovers act as if it were Springtime in Paris. While Felice's group of lesbian girlfriends is smuggled out of the country, Felice decides to take her

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chances and stay with the woman she loves, even if it means she will die.

Military academy cadets were the focus of the 1986 drama *Dress Gray*, starring Alex Baldwin. On a combat mission for laughs is *Up the Academy* (1980). Tom Poston plays Master Sergeant Skip Sisson, a flamboyant, gay caricature who teaches ballroom dancing to a group of young male military cadets in this mindless teenage comedy. That's when he's not measuring their inseams or trying to get them out of their shorts. For balance, the women of the nearby Mildred S. Butch Academy are all lesbians.

While boot camp has often provided laughs at the movies, Neil Simon made a dramatic direct hit with his *Biloxi Blues* (1988). The Russian video *100*

*Days before the Command* (1999) likewise goes for the heart. In this story about a group of young Russian soldiers, mostly in their late teens, trying to survive the difficulties of boot camp, Oleg Vasilokov and Alexander Chislov are singled out as gay and then ostracized. There's almost no dialogue and little story, but this video, full of handsome young soldiers, hits its target nonetheless.

If naked Roman soldiers spin your compass, there are plenty of videos to choose from. One of the earliest, and more innocent, is Stanley Kubrick's *Spartacus* (1960). Laurence Olivier plays Crasius, the bisexual emperor, in this historical epic. Tony Curtis plays his poor, young slave, who runs away to join up with

*Spartacus* (Kirk Douglas) after Olivier puts the make on him. The late Derek Jarman's *Sebastiane* (Italy/1976) featured even hunkier Roman soldiers and provided a satisfying full-frontal assault.

And, while Uncle Sam may not want us in the bunks and the showers, when it comes to the movies, we're likely to have the last laugh, as did Bill Murray and Harold Ramis in the 1981 comedy *Stripes*. When an Army recruiter asks "Are either of you homosexual?" Murray asks, "You mean flaming?" "Naw, we're not homosexual, but we are willing to learn," adds Ramis in earnest.

Now that's patriotic!

(Steve Stewart is the author of *OUT ON THE SCREEN: The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual*

& Transgender Guidebook to more than 2,000 movies and videos from around the world. For more information about this book, or to sign up for his FREE monthly "Naked Hollywood Newsletter," visit <http://www.companionpress.com>. *OUT ON THE SCREEN* not sold in bookstores and is only available directly from the publisher at <http://www.companionpress.com>.)

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# Speaking Of Normal<sup>©</sup>

*By Liz Massiah, MSW,  
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Member, Clinical  
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*And Gordon Portman,  
award-winning  
playwright.*

My brother and I (my only sibling) and I have always been close emotionally. We even like each other: if we met at a party, we would want to spend time together. Like most folks who care deeply for one another, we have struggled with this and that over the years, but never to the point of a crevasse that we didn't eventually become able to cross together somehow. In a recent conversation with him, the topic of siblings that do not get along came up.

Over the years I have spoken with many people who do not get along with their siblings, and sometimes for very good reasons. Once when I was facilitating a therapy group for women who were sexually abused, it turned out that all ten women had been assaulted by their brothers (and I don't mean sibling sexual exploration).


A recent article – in, I think, Canadian Living – discussed some of the issues around siblings and their relationships. There were the usual ones connected to being the first born (and so very responsible), the middle child (and not noticed much), or the last born (the spoiled one), or about being the golden child or the bad child (whenever there is one in a family, the other is also there). But what really got me to thinking was the notion that the strongest bond between siblings is that of shared experiences and

memories, the sort of knowings and awarenesses that create and maintain the uniqueness of any relationship. And as also the case with any relationship, but is perhaps particularly important to those between siblings, there is the notion that even if the individuals involved in the relationship are very different personalities, the shared story will always be there. The difference, though, between siblings and other relationships is that it's likely no one will be able to appreciate your unique experience of growing up as well as your siblings – which, no matter how you experience your relationship with your siblings, is something you can never have with anyone else.

Perhaps that is what draws us to family reunions, that notion of being able to be with those who are likely to

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have shared memories of our lives. But why is it that despite these shared memories, that emotionally fertile commonality of experiences, siblings all too often retreat into feuds? Why do they find it necessary to get into drawing battle lines, trying to force loyalties to their version of "the truth"? Why does it sometimes to the point of avoiding the other person altogether? In longstanding sibling feuds, It sometimes seems that siblings carry on their feuds more because that's the way it's always been than for any real immediately accessible tension, and often do so without regard for the distress of other family members – spouses, parents, children, other relatives. How often have parents, for example, been terribly hurt by kids' fights, experienced feelings of inadequacy or helplessness, or become caught in cycles of self blame?

The bottom line, it seems, is that ultimately, feuds continue out of a sense of being hurt, frightened, uncertain, and perhaps stubbornly insisting on being "right"...of being unwilling, unable, or unprepared, to move from a deeply entrenched position. We shift when either its too painful to stay where we are and we just go ahead and move to get out of the pain, or when we have some real sense of a more positive option. Some use the word 'stuck' to cover over the emotional pain, but that word always makes me think of the phrase "Insanity is always doing the same thing and expecting a different outcome". Seems clearer

to me than the word 'stuck'.

With siblings, as our perspectives change as we age, we see our experiences very differently. A row of over one specific thing or another may well tap into a reservoir of older, not sorted out differences, hurts and misunderstandings, and suddenly the feud is on. It is likely not about the incident that started it, but about the 'why's' of the feeling attached to the incident.

Sometimes we experience tension with our siblings - perhaps even reject them - out of envy, out of jealousy over some part of the other one's life that we secretly would like for ourselves. Other times there can be a kind of misguided self righteousness: our way of life is the right way and our siblings just don't get it, they don't want to get it, and we're unable to connect with them without us both experiencing a level of disapproval. Or perhaps it is not about an old issue so much as a current sense of betrayal ( one sibling's partner has an affair with the other sibling's partner, for example, or a money deal goes bad between them).

Whatever the source of the tension, it seems to me that it often helps when the feuders or stalemates become able to focus on the feelings that each one has, and on the true source of those feelings, rather than focusing on carrying on the feud and spending so much energy (their own, and that of other people) keeping distance. After all, the absence is a presence. And all the presence of absence does is remind others of the dispute.

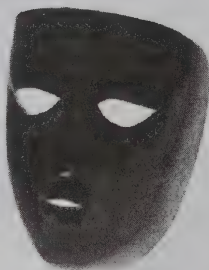
I wonder sometimes if all of the feuds and tensions are the fallout of the breakdown of those idealistic notions that blood is thicker than water ... that sharing experiences, genes and the same memories together is actually an important thing and worth protecting ... that the blood family is and should be the first and truest source of unconditional love and support. We all know that's not always possible: some find that it is just not possible or despite repeated efforts, the pain, hurt and confusion are still in charge. And yet if we choose to sort out our own hurt, fear, uncertainty and perhaps swallow a little of our own sense of entitlement to being "right", perhaps the stalemate can move into dialogue, into understanding what is really going on. After all, no one knows you like a

sibling, no one else has the same genes, same family habits and understandings, and will remain your sibling long after you are both dead. Others left behind will have the memories of you as sisters or brothers; what legacy of your siblinghood do you want to leave behind for the others in your family tree ?

Your thoughts about this column are always invited —send them to [emassiah@interbaun.com](mailto:emassiah@interbaun.com) or to Dennis at [times10@telusplanet.net](mailto:times10@telusplanet.net)

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## Report From The Alberta Legislature

*By Ken Nicol, Leader,  
Alberta Official  
Opposition*

This week, Albertans got more of the same from their government regarding the province-wide teachers' strike. Nothing. The only thing the government has done is repeat the same message over and over again: there is no more money. However, this is not the case.

According to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Fiscal Update released in November 2001, the government has approximately \$2.2 billion in the bank. This money has been

set aside for future debt repayment. Because the government can only pay off the debt as it matures, not all of the money the government has set aside can be paid towards the debt right away. Some of it must wait. This \$2.2 billion is money sitting in a bank account waiting to pay off the debt as it matures.

Next year, the government is only planning to use about \$1.6 billion of the nearly \$2.2 billion allocated for debt repayment. This means approximately half a billion dollars, will still be sitting in a bank account at the end of the 2002/03 fiscal year.

We are not implying that paying off the debt shouldn't be a priority for Albertans and for the Alberta government. However, if the

government uses all of the \$2.2 billion for debt repayment we will be nine years ahead of schedule on paying off our debt.

**It has been suggested that only \$90 million would be needed to settle the teachers' strike. That's a very small fraction of the total amount of money set aside. In fact, it's only about four per cent of the \$2.2 billion. Even after the government pays \$1.6 billion towards the debt next year we will still have \$500 million left over. That's enough money to settle the teachers' strike five times over.**

We have outlined how the current crisis can be ended. What is still necessary is a discussion of how the additional dollars in the Learning budget can be

sustained for the long term.

It's a question of priorities. We are ahead of schedule on debt repayment. We have a large amount of money sitting in government assets that is earmarked for debt. All of this money cannot be used to pay off the debt this year or even next. And only a very small fraction would be needed to settle the teachers' strike and bring students back into the classroom.

It's not about meeting teachers' demands. It's about how much we value public education. If this government valued public education it would take a small fraction of the \$2.2 billion and end the teachers' strike now rather than jeopardize the school year or order teachers back to work.

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By Mike Schiller

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lash at my pride  
like you always wanted to do  
destroy my faith  
in god in life  
in freedom  
in the very fabric upon which  
you built a supposedly free country  
take my rights  
I may die before I have the right to  
marry  
and what does my life mean to you?  
Nothing.  
Make my life less whole-  
Spit in my face  
Tell me I'm worthless  
Gay- Not worthy of my love being  
treated  
as equal to a love  
you think you know  
and yet you don't know what love  
means  
How can a creature so incapable  
of human compassion  
Have any clue  
as to what love is about  
You don't even know  
what understanding is  
Right we were all created equal  
under god  
and yet here I  
a human being  
stand before you  
My fate..  
My Life..  
In Your Hands  
And what do you do with that power?

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# Pentagon Propaganda Plan Is Undemocratic, Possibly Illegal

The New York Times reported today that the Pentagon's Office of Strategic Influence is "developing plans to provide news items, possibly even false ones, to foreign media organizations" in an effort "to influence public sentiment and policy makers in both friendly and unfriendly countries."

The OSI was created shortly after September 11 to publicize the U.S. government's perspective in Islamic countries and to generate support for the U.S.'s "war on terror." This latest announcement raises grave concerns that far from being an honest effort to explain U.S. policy, the OSI may be a profoundly undemocratic program devoted to spreading disinformation and misleading the public, both at home and abroad. At the same time, involving reporters in disinformation campaigns puts the lives of working journalists at risk.

Despite the OSI's multi-million-dollar budget and its mandate to propagandize throughout the Middle East, Asia and Western Europe, "even many senior Pentagon officials and Congressional military aides say they know almost nothing about its purpose and plans," according to the Times. The Times

reported that the OSI's latest announcement has generated opposition within the Pentagon among those who fear that it will undermine the Defense Department's credibility.

Tarnished credibility may be the least of the problems created by the OSI's new plan to manipulate media—the plan may compromise the free flow of information that democracy relies on. The government is barred by law from propagandizing within the U.S., but the OSI's new plan will likely lead to disinformation planted in a foreign news report being picked up by U.S. news outlets. The war in Afghanistan has shown that the 24-hour news cycle, combined with cuts in the foreign news budgets across the U.S., make overseas outlets like Al-Jazeera and Reuters key resources for U.S. reporters.

According to the New York Times, "one of the military units assigned to carry out the policies of the Office of Strategic Influence" is the U.S. Army's Psychological Operations Command (PSYOPS). The Times doesn't mention, however, that PSYOPS has been accused of operating domestically as recently as the Kosovo war.

In February 2000, reports in Dutch and French newspapers revealed that several officers from the 4th PSYOPS Group had worked in the news division at CNN's Atlanta headquarters as part of an "internship" program starting in the final days of the Kosovo War. Coverage of this disturbing story was scarce (see [http://](http://www.fair.org/activism/cnn-psyops.html)

[www.fair.org/activism/cnn-psyops.html](http://www.fair.org/activism/cnn-psyops.html)), but after FAIR issued an Action Alert on the story, CNN stated that it had already terminated the program and acknowledged that it was "inappropriate."

Even if the PSYOPS officers working in the newsroom did not directly influence news reporting, the question remains of whether CNN may have allowed the military to conduct an intelligence-gathering mission against the network itself. The idea isn't far-fetched—according to Intelligence Newsletter (2/17/00), a rear admiral from the Special Operations Command told a PSYOPS conference that the military needed to find ways to "gain control" over commercial news satellites to help bring down an "informational cone of silence" over regions where special operations were taking place. One of CNN's PSYOPS "interns" worked in the network's satellite division. (During the Afghanistan war the Pentagon found a very direct way to "gain control"—it simply bought up all commercial satellite images of Afghanistan, in order to prevent media from accessing them.)

The OPD may be gone, but the Bush administration's recent recess appointment of former OPD head Otto Reich as assistant secretary of state for Western Hemisphere affairs is not reassuring. It suggests, at best, a troubling indifference to Reich's role in orchestrating the OPD's deception of the American people.

Indeed, as the Federation of American Scientists points out, "the Bush

Administration's insistent efforts to expand the scope of official secrecy have now been widely noted as a defining characteristic of the Bush presidency" (Secrecy News, 2/18/02). The administration's refusal to disclose Enron-related information to the General Accounting Office is perhaps the most publicized of these efforts; another is Attorney General John Ashcroft's October 12 memo urging federal agencies to resist Freedom of Information Act requests.

In addition, the Pentagon's restrictive press policies throughout the war in Afghanistan have been an ongoing problem. Most recently, Washington Post reporter Doug Struck claims that U.S. soldiers threatened to shoot him if he proceeded with an attempt to investigate a site where civilians had been killed; Struck has stated that for him, the central question raised by the incident is whether the Pentagon is trying to "cover up" its actions and why it won't "allow access by reporters to determine what they're doing here in Afghanistan" (CBS, "The Early Show," 2/13/02).

Taken together, these incidents and policies should raise alarm bells for media throughout the country. Democracy doesn't work if the public does not have access to full and accurate information about its government.

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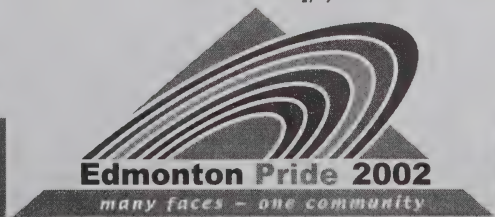
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# You and Your Funny Bone...)

## The Bull And The Pheasant

A pheasant was standing in a field chatting with a bull. "I would love to be able to get to the top of yonder tree", sighed the pheasant, "but I haven't got the energy". "Well, why don't you nibble on some of my droppings?" replied the bull. "They're packed with nutrients". The pheasant pecked at a lump of dung and found that it actually gave him enough strength to reach the first branch of the tree.

The next day, after eating some more dung, he reached the second branch. And so on. Finally, after a fourth night, there he was proudly perched at the top of the tree. Whereupon he was spotted by a farmer who dashed into the farmhouse, emerged with a shotgun, and shot the pheasant right out of the tree.

Moral of the story:

Bullshit might get you to the top, but it won't keep you there.

## The Avid Golfer

An Octogenarian who was an avid golfer moved to a new town and joined the local Country Club. He went to the Club for the first time to play but was told there wasn't anybody he could play with because they were already out on the course.

He repeated several times that he really wanted to play. Finally the Assistant Pro said he would play with him and would give him a 12-stroke handicap. The 80 year old said, "I really don't need a handicap as I have been playing quite well. The only real problem I have is getting out of sand traps." And he did play well. Coming onto the 18th the old man had a long drive, but it landed in one of the sand traps around the hole. Shooting from the sand trap he hit a very high ball,

which landed on the green and rolled into the hole!

The Pro walked over to the sand trap where his opponent was still standing. He said, "Nice shot, but I thought you said you have a problem getting out of sand traps?" Replied the Octogenarian, "I do! Please give me a hand."

## By Request

### Dear Redneck Son;

I'm writing this letter slow because I know you can't read fast.

We don't live where we did when you left home. Your dad read in the newspaper that most accidents happen within 20 miles from your home, so we moved.

I won't be able to send you the address because the last Arkansas family that lived here took the house numbers when they moved so that they wouldn't have to change their address. This place is really nice. It even has a washing machine. I'm not sure it works so well though: last week I put a load in and pulled the chain and haven't seen them since.

The weather isn't bad here. It only rained twice last week; the first time for three days and the second time for four days. About that coat you wanted me to send you, your Uncle Stanley said it would be to heavy to send in the mail with the buttons on, so we cut them off and put them in the pockets.

John locked his keys in the car yesterday. We were really worried because it took him two hours to get me and your father out. Your sister had a baby this morning; but I haven't found out what it is yet so I don't know if you're an aunt or an uncle. The baby looks just like your

brother....

Uncle Ted fell in a whiskey vat last week. Some men tried to pull him out, but he fought them off playfully and drowned. We had him cremated and he burned for three days. Three of your friends went off a bridge in a pick-up truck. Ralph was driving. He rolled down the window and swam to safety. Your other two friends were in back. They drowned because they couldn't get the tailgate down.

There isn't much more news at this time. Nothing much has happened.

Love, Mom

P.S. I was going to send you some money but the envelope was already sealed.

## Ultimate Pick Up

A depressed young woman was so desperate that she decided to end her life by throwing herself into the ocean.

When she went down to the docks, a handsome young sailor noticed her tears, took pity on her, and said, "Look, you've got a lot to live for. I'm off to Europe in the morning, and if you'd like, I can stow you away on my ship. I'll take good care of you and I'll bring you food every day." Moving closer, he slipped his arm around her shoulder and added, "I'll keep you happy, and you'll keep me happy." The girl nodded affirmatively. After all, what did she have to lose?

That night, the sailor brought her aboard and hid her in a lifeboat. Each night, the sailor brought the woman three sandwiches and a piece of fruit. As well, they make wild, passionate love every night until dawn the following morning. Three weeks later, during a routine search, the captain discovers the woman. "What are you doing here?" the Captain insisted. "I

have an arrangement with one of the sailors," she explained. "He's taking me to Europe and he's screwing me." "He sure is, lady," replied the Captain. "This is the Staten Island Ferry."

# **Actual Excerpts From Student Science Exam Papers:**

1. The theory of evolution was greatly objected to because it made man think.
2. Three kinds of blood vessels are arteries, vanes and caterpillars.
3. The process of turning steam back into water again is called conversation.
4. A magnet is something you find crawling all over a dead cat.
5. The Earth makes one resolution every 24 hours.
6. To collect fumes of sulphur, hold a deacon over

a flame in a test tube.

# **Darn Penguins**

Two Eskimos, a big one and a little one, go to their local Alaskan convent with a question. The big one nudges the little one and says, "Go ahead, knock on the door, knock on the door."

The Mother Superior answers the door. Again, the big Eskimo nudges the little one and says, "Go ahead, ask her the question, ask her the question." The little Eskimo timidly says, "May we speak with the midget nun that lives here please?" The Mother Superior answers, "There are no midget nuns living here."

The big Eskimo starts nudging the little one again

and says, "Go ahead, ask her the other question, ask her the other question." The little Eskimo asks in a quavering voice, "Well. Are there any midget nuns in Alaska?" The Mother Superior responds uncertainly, "Why no, I don't believe so."

With this the big Eskimo falls down and rolls on the ground, clutching his belly as he laughs uncontrollably. "See", he says to the little Eskimo, "I told you that you screwed a penguin!"

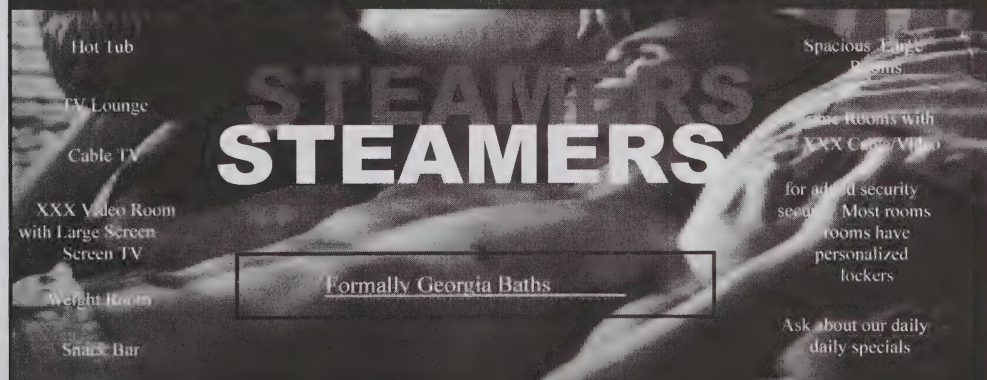
# **Sex On The Sabbath**

A man wonders if having sex on the Sabbath is a sin because he is not sure if sex is work or play. He asks a priest for his opinion on this question.

The priest says after consulting the Bible, "My son, after an exhaustive search I am positive sex is work and is not permitted on Sundays." The man thinks, "What does a priest know of sex?" He goes to minister, an experienced married man, for the answer. He queries the minister and receives the same reply, "Sex is work and not for the Sabbath!" Not pleased with the reply, he seeks out the ultimate authority - a man of thousands of years tradition and knowledge: A Rabbi.

The Rabbi ponders the question and states, "My son, sex is definitely play." The man replies, "Rabbi, how can you be so sure when so many others tell me sex is work?!" The Rabbi softly speaks, "If sex were work...my wife would have the maid do it."

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# My Monthly Neurosis

Rob Browatzke



Hypocrisy is an ugly thing. It's underhanded, two-faced, and duplicitous. And it's far too rampant to ignore. Everywhere you turn, it seems it's there, from the guy who takes someone home for a one-night stand from the bar but thinks the baths are disgustingly casual and anonymous, to the stone-thrower oblivious to their glass house. Hypocrites float through our community surrounded by their own sense of self-importance, and secure no one will ever dare call them on it.

I'm sure sometimes it's well-

meaning. This would be the person who's unaware of the irony of their own advice. They feel that they're lending a helping hand, offering their tools for success yet failing to use those tools themselves. Do the good intentions cancel out the bad implementation? Not really. Still, this type of hypocrisy is rarely harmful, and can usually be written off to the "blind leading the blind".

But then there is the more potent kind, harsh, judgmental, and patently insincere. Sitting on their stools at the bar, pronouncing sentence as they slam down their cocktail glasses like gavels. Laughing at their own prophecies, cackling like witches as they foresee doom. And while the rest of the world is fuel for their fires of speculation, snide remarks, and verbal sniper-ing, they don't realize that their own lives are the best evidence for their predictions.

I'm not saying this is a sin exclusive to the gay community. Far from it. Heterosexual hypocrisy is everywhere too. However, witnessing this daily does make one wonder how exactly one learns to ride such a high horse.

One has to puzzle how people so intent on crucifying others can seem so comfortable nailed to their own cross. And one has to doubt when these people speak of their self-actualization, their surefootedness, their pride.

I suppose that it can be a minor thing, and that everyone, at some point, is guilty of some sort of hypocrisy. You should really eat better, they say as they gorge of fast food and milkshakes. You shouldn't drink, they say as they light their tenth cigarette of the night. Pornography's morally wrong, they say as they get turned on fantasizing about everything wrong with it. Chances are, everyone reading this has, at one point, been on both ends of the hypocrisy scale.

It really all comes down to honesty. The human mind is a wonderfully complex thing capable of so much thought and emotion that perhaps it's no surprise that eventually, you can come to believe in a truth that anyone else can see

right through. Self-awareness would eliminate the problem, but who is so consciously and consistently aware of their own feelings, their own motivations, their own desires, that they never have to wonder if they're really being honest, with the people around them or with themselves? Not many, I'd wager.

Still, maybe sympathy is the true treatment for dealing with hypocrisy. You do have to feel sorry for someone so deluded about what's going on in their lives. So maybe I will end with a Jerry Springer-style final thought: Next time you encounter a hypocrite telling you everything that's wrong with your life and what you should do to fix it, think for a moment that they might really be saying it to themselves.

(Check out Rob on the net for more inside jokes, pointed lectures, and neurotic ramblings. <http://www.telusplanet.net/public/browra>)



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## HRC Encouraged By Colin Powell's Comments On MTV

With HIV Cases Rising,  
Prevention is now More  
Important than Ever, Says  
HRC

The Human Rights  
Campaign today praised  
Secretary of State Colin  
Powell for his comments  
last night on MTV  
expressing his support for  
effective, proven prevention

methods to fight against the  
spread of HIV/AIDS. His  
remarks came after a  
Catholic teenager asked  
Powell about his thoughts  
on the Vatican's opposition  
to condom use.

"I certainly respect the views  
of the Holy Father and the  
Catholic Church," said  
Powell. "In my own  
judgment, condoms are a  
way to prevent infection,  
and therefore, I not only  
support their use, I  
encourage their use among  
people who are sexually  
active."

"Colin Powell should be  
applauded for his remarks  
that echo the sound advice  
of most leading medical  
experts," said HRC Political  
Director Winnie  
Stachelberg. "When used  
properly, condoms are an

effective way of limiting the  
spread of HIV and saving  
lives. We hope others in the  
Bush administration follow  
Powell's bold example and  
advocate for  
comprehensive HIV/AIDS  
programs, including  
prevention."

In the United States,  
between 200,000-400,000  
individuals are thought to  
be unaware that they are  
infected with HIV, with an  
estimated 40,000  
Americans getting infected  
with HIV each year. Last  
year, there was an eight  
percent increase in new  
AIDS cases and the disease  
continues to  
disproportionately impact  
communities of colour.  
According to the Centers of  
Disease Control and  
Prevention, more than half

of new infections occur  
among blacks, though they  
only represent 13 percent of  
the U.S. population.  
Hispanics who make up 12  
percent of the population  
represent 19 percent of  
infections."

Around the world,  
approximately 25 million  
people have died of AIDS  
since the beginning of the  
epidemic, 5 million were  
children. Experts predict that  
more people will die of AIDS  
in the next decade than have  
died in all of the wars of the  
20th century.

(The Human Rights  
Campaign is the largest  
national lesbian and gay  
political organization with  
members throughout the  
United States.)



# Being At Home With Andy

Gayartist Andy Warhol lives on in an innovative new

Warhol's mercurial rise to fame as the "Prince of Pop," creating his brightly coloured images of Marilyn Monroe, Elvis Presley, Elizabeth Taylor, and Campbell's Soup. Teatro Berdache's Creative Director Steve Gin appears as Andy Warhol in the project.

Following the show, "Andy" takes the audience

In addition, the Glenbow will present two other exhibitions: Fifties Forever, a fun-filled romp through the consumer culture that spawned the Pop Art movement, and Banned In Canada, an examination of postwar censorship that attempted to silence authors, musicians and filmmakers of the 1950s.

Later this year, Teatro Berdache teams with Spinstergirl Production to present Mother Earth's Charm School For Gay Men And Their Lesbian Friends, April 10 - 20 at Calgary's Pumphouse Theatre. In the fall, Teatro Berdache premieres

Corrina Hodgson's Quietly Overwhelmed, a stunningly beautiful new theatrical work that explores the themes of love, loss, and the healing role of art in gay & lesbian lives.

Holy Warhola! plays at 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, with Andy's tour of Pop Impressions beginning a half hour later. Both are free with museum admission. The Glenbow Museum is at 130 - 9th Avenue S.E. in downtown Calgary.



theatre production created by Calgary's new lesbian gay theatre company, Teatro Berdache.

Holy Warhola! The Life And Times Of Andy Warhol plays weekends February 17 - May 26, 2002, in conjunction with The Glenbow Museum's Pop Revolution exhibition. A fifteen-minute theatrical exposé, **HOLY WARHOLA!** examines

on a tour of the exhibition, which includes several works by noted Pop artists such as Jasper Johns, Robert Rauschenberg, Roy Lichtenstein, David Hockney, Claus Oldenberg, and of course, Warhol himself. The exhibition is part of the permanent collection of New York City's Museum of Modern Art, with Calgary being the only Canadian stop for Pop Impressions.

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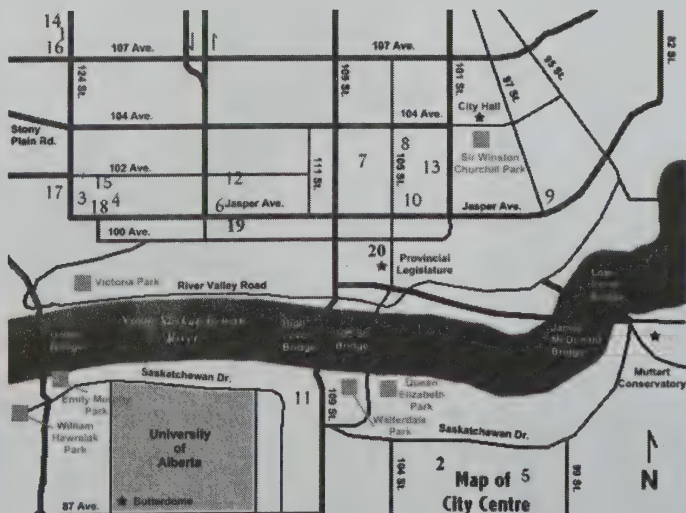
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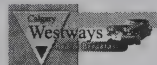
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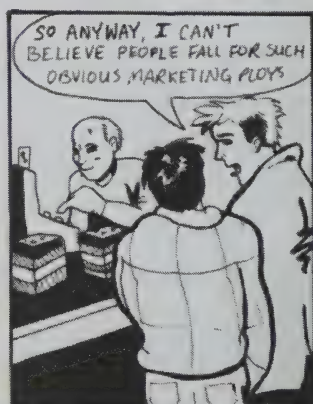
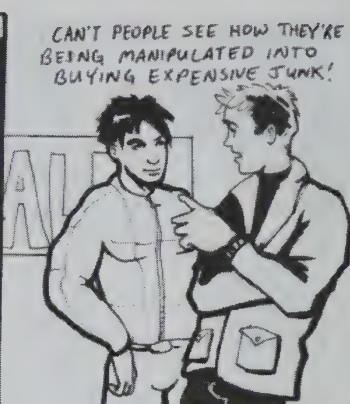
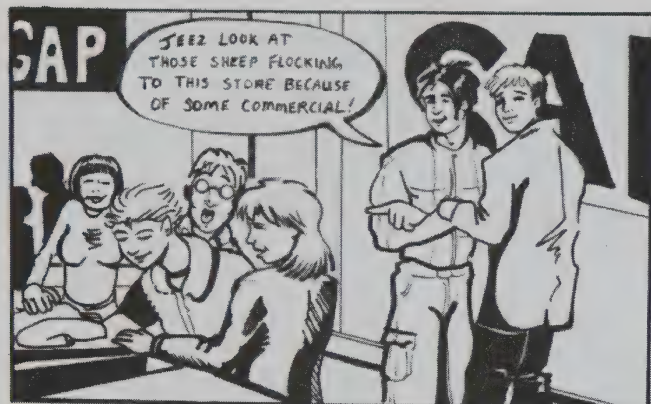
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# Being the Knight I Am

By René

My skating experiences started toward the end of my teens. There was an arena close by and it was the thing to do back then so, with a group of friends, we decided

to try it. It did not take me long to find out that a blade of steel on ice does not make a sure footing. That fact did not prevent me however from participating in a game of tag, skating or gliding across the ice as the circumstances demanded.

After several sessions, I remember one particular instance when I made a serious effort. My pride was at stake then: I had invited a girl I was attracted to (strange how with the same letters you can create "skate" or "stake", and how one can be dependent of the other). Our skills were very

similar and we were happily coasting along, hand in hand, chatting idly: me attempting to be congenial, her praising a rival, unknown to me before the invitation. Everything was going smoothly (at least as far as the skating was concerned) until the antics of another couple - performing artistic figures on a general admission day - brought them dangerously close to us. They were masters of the art, the onus was on them. Unfortunately, they did not know that and were expecting an elegant avoiding maneuver beyond

our realm of possibilities. The inevitable occurred and a very annoyed cavalier proceeded to forcefully extol our ineptitude. Being the knight I am, I quickly donned my shining armour and threw back a resounding challenge but, unable to control the law of physics that dictates a body in motion will remain in motion indefinitely, in space (and an ice rink is very close to weightless space), it lost more and more of its acuteness as the distance between us grew.

Nonetheless, not one to be

put off easily, I decided to perfect my blooming art, leaving out the romance. I listened avidly to every advice and resolved to put them in practice. The first order of business was "how to stop". After the above experience, if it was not an essential requirement, it could be useful and a face saving skill. However, the demonstration was too impressive and I resolved to pass onto the second order: "how do you turn ? ". Stopping, I could always manage with the help of the banister, and the logic said that if I could turn, I would not need to perform an emergency stop. It is a matter of priority. The move seemed simple enough : "just place one foot in front of the other,

and so on - in turn." Well..., I tried it... I will spare you any lengthy description and simply tell you that the spectators in the gallery were quite surprised when they suddenly saw me perform a somersault, which might have been perfect - I don't remember - if it had been voluntary and did not left me dazzled..., wide eyed..., sitting on the ice. That day, I made up my mind: I took horse back riding lessons (that is another story). But there was more to follow, life throws things at you sometimes...

Several years later in Montreal, some friends suggested we spend a day in Ottawa skating the Rideau Canal. You need to know at this point that the Rideau

canal is just that, a canal, partly drained during the winter allowing ice to form for the enjoyment of all (or almost all). It also extends several miles without a banister; a very important consideration in my case. But my "friends" assured me they would not abandon me, so I felt confident. Everybody knows theory and practice are worlds apart. By the time I finished lacing my borrowed skates, those "friends" were nowhere in sight. What was I to do? I was not going to spend a day sitting on some steps with my skates on, or wait by the car. I bravely gave it another try. I quickly

developed a way to stop. Although not 100% efficient, the method is good enough for me: when needed, I just sit down for the momentum to cease - I am going to end up there any way so I might as well do it voluntarily. As for turning, I just turn my feet and hope for the best. 20 Skating? I have been told mine is very acrobatic but I know it has more to do with another challenging law of physics: balance.

Overall I learned a valuable lesson: never go skating on a lake (I suppose you could say I am suffering from agoraphobia) and I don't go skating with a date.



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# Guilty Verdict In Anti-Gay Murder Trial

Michael Glenn Keep was found guilty of 2nd-Degree murder in the April 2000 death of his prison cellmate, Paul Chmiel. The Muskegon County jury deliberated for less than a day before announcing the verdict. Keep had been charged with open murder, leaving the determination of degree up to the jury.

Keep faces a possibility if life in prison. Sentencing is scheduled for March 19, 2002. Chmiel was an inmate in the Brooks Correctional Facility, in Muskegon last April when Keep killed him in a brutal attack, using his bare hands to crush Chmiel's ribs and strangle him. According to testimony, Chmiel was known to be gay.

The murderer admitted in a written confession that he hated gay men. Chmiel allegedly offered oral sex to his fellow roommate in exchange for a cigarette. Although no sexual contact or assault was claimed to have occurred, the roommate still felt the need to slap him, crush several ribs and his neck, and press his neck into a bunk railing, eventually killing him.

The Muskegon Chronicle quoted Detective Sgt. Gary Miles with the Michigan State Police, as saying, "It was a pretty vicious death. The motive

is his dislike of homosexual males." "This verdict demonstrates that the jury was not willing to write off the life of Paul Chmiel, simply because he was gay," said Sean Kosofsky, Director of Policy for Triangle Foundation, a state-wide civil rights and anti-violence group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. Kosofsky attended the trial. "They sent a clear message that Keep must bear heavy responsibility for the cold-blooded killing. By the murderer's own admission his hatred of gays led to an irrational and brutal murder," Kosofsky said.

"This case helps bring to light the risk and vulnerability of gay prisoners," said Jeffrey Montgomery, Executive Director of the Triangle Foundation. "Within the correctional system gay people are horribly devalued," he continued, "at least this jury understood the value of Paul's life, even if too late to save it."



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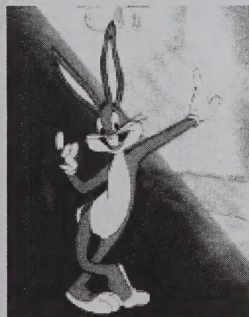
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- 2) He has an antenna shaped like a triangle, the gay symbol, and
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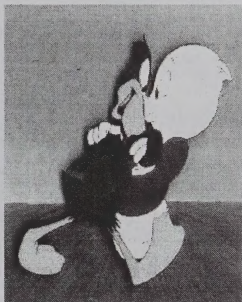


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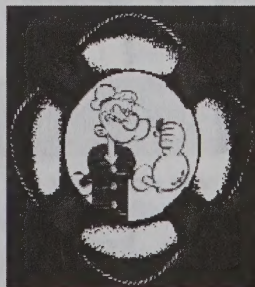
**POPEYE**

- Eats lots of salad.
- Wears a sailor suit, even though he hasn't been on a ship in years.
- Does little sailor-dances.
- Dates a flat-chested transvestite named Olive Oyl.
- Best friend named Wimpy.

**BATMAN &  
ROBIN**

- Robin's nickname: Boy Wonder.
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- They like to show each other their "grappling hooks."

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Box 2484: I am 5'8", 160lb, brown hair and eyes, currently a full time student. I am looking for someone 25-35, who likes to have a good time, go out to movies, that sort of thing. I am really shy at first. I am outgoing once you get to know me. I am just an all-around nice guy.

Box 2651: I am new to Edmonton, 27, 6', 160lb, looking for a kind, honest, sensitive person, around my age, slim is a plus.

Box 2659: I am a disfigured, mature, professional, who is interested in the arts, travelling, and the finer things in life. I am looking for a long-term relationship with a man of similar interests and background.

Box 2686: I am 21, and I live in the West and I am 6', 160lb, slim build, short brown hair and eyes, good-looking. I am looking for another guy

around my age, good-looking of course, for a relationship, possibly, well, basically, to start off as friends and perhaps move on, to different levels in the relationship. This depends on how well things are going. I really admire honesty, sincerity. This is the person that I am.

Box 2800: I am a 22 year old gay white male, 5'10", 140lb, and I have been told that I am very attractive. I work for a hotel fulltime. I am pretty stable. I am a bottom. I am looking for someone who is fit, athletic, good-looking, great personality, and a caring, wonderful guy. I want a man that likes to take things slow, and wants a committed, long-term, monogamous relationship. Does this sound any good to you?

## friendship & hanging out

Box 2152: I am Greg, 6', 160lb, and I love to wrap you, wrap my lushes lips around your love machine and suck the heat out, and possibly vice versa. Are you into that? I am also a drinker and a smoker. Hope you're having a good day.

Box 2159: Well, I am 53 years old, tall, very nice, slim, gentleman. I would really love to meet someone for a relationship.

Box 2396: This guy lives downtown, 47 years old, 5'7", 150lb, 6-1/2" uncut, looking for a relationship that starts as a friendship, that moves toward romance, and just getting to know someone. I am very open, interested, done other things. Keep being active. I want to try and stay with a bit of fidelity toward the person that I meet. Bond hair

Box 2345: I'm Mike, I want to meet someone who I can chill with, go out that movie, go for that walk, or do whatever they want. I pretty much have no friends, or way out.

Box 2595: I am looking for someone to start out as friends, maybe stay that way, maybe move into something more, on the lines of a relationship. If you are mature and sincere, up to 45, that's a good thing. About me: I am 39, 5'9", 175lb, I have short brown hair and dark brown eyes. I am kind and honest and caring.

Box 2648: Hi Ho, I am climbing the blessed walls in Calgary! Hang me up, guys, 'cause I have a cursed mustache and glasses. I am very tall and slim. Anyway, I am 6'2", brown hair and beard, mustache. I just really love bottom-guy. I am a difficult bird, full of worry.

Box 2804: How's it going? I am Rob, 22, brown hair and eyes, 5'11", 145lb. I live in the north-east end of the city, and I am looking to chat and hopefully make some new friends - and possibly more with the right guy. Looking for pretty much any guy under 22, the younger the better.

Box 2830: This is Patrick. I am 20 years old, short hair and blue eyes. I am 6', 200lb. I am reasonably tall, so I am looking for one or more guys to hang out with, get to know, maybe have a relationship, evolve from there, who knows? I am active, so I am in average shape. I have been told I am cute, so they can't all be wrong. I have also been told that I've got a great smile, and a great sense of humor. I am interested in a lot of booty things, and movies, going to clubs, house parties, sitting back, just watching a movie, or sitting back, eating pizza all night. There is nothing that I don't have fun doing! I am really easy-going that way.

## one night stands

Box 1153: This attracted, fit male, 6', hairless body. I am a bottom, submissive. I like to satisfy and please. Please, somebody! I don't ask anything in return, and I love doing oral, maybe a little rimming with the right person. Playing around. The little bit of nudging!

Box 1172: Good, 20s, Asian male here. 5'8", 140lb, clean-cut, slim, smooth, toned. I am looking to hook up.

Box 1825: Holiday time! I am a clean, discreet guy. I am 40 but I look early 30s. I am 5'8", 140lb, 30" waist, very well-endowed, uncut. Great sense of humor, can be passionate, looking for similar. Not into display, over-the-top, no offense. I am into guys who are in decent shape, or shorter and slim would be good, too.

Box 2203: I am 40 year old husband from out of town. I am 5'11", 200lb, short brown hair and eyes, hairy body, 7-1/2" uncut. Looking to get together with someone in Edmonton, or on the way to Fort John, I have that way four times a week.

Box 2208: 24 year old guy here, 6', 190lb, hairy chest, stomach and legs, 6-1/2" uncut, looking to hook up with another guy in his mid-to-late 20s who is able to entertain. I like to give and receive. I have been a top before.

Box 2476: Well, curious, fit male, looking for some fun with older gentlemen. I would like to find a businessman who wears suits, and into wearing blind briefs, or any type of tight, skimpy underwear like that - I have a fetish for that. Prefer gentlemen in a suit as well. I am looking for a gentleman 40s and up. Greying hair and glasses really turn me on as well. I am 6'1", 190lb, hairy chest, pack build and look, very attractive, fun and easy-going.

## group scenes & public sex

Box 2759: I'm a 22 year old bi guy, really horny. I am always looking for hot, male action. I have green/blue eyes, dry brown hair, 135lb, 5'9". I've got a nice 8" out package, downcast, waiting to be worked upon.

Box 2869: Looking for some fun times. Very good-looking, 27 years old, well-built, 5'11", 175lb, big dick (6-1/2" cut).

## submissive bottom

Box 1876: I am a bottom looking for a top. I am 40, 5'9", 165lb, moderately hairy chest and legs, clean-shaven, short hair, 6" uncut, shaved, with a nice, smooth, shaved ass. I am very oral, clean, discreet, love to be the great head, and I really like to get fucked.

## first-timers & bi guys

Box 2637: I am 28, submissive, 5'7", 170lb, short, dark hair, blue eyes. I have 6" cut. I am looking for someone to get together with on an ongoing basis.

Box 2546: I'm Don, 37 years old, 5'8", 165lb, brown hair and blue eyes, mustache. Just looking for some casual encounters. I am attached, so I would prefer discretion.

Box 2646: I'm 20, 5'9", 165lb, baby fat around the waist - but I can't lose it, yknow. It looks better, it's just a little bit of fat - I talk to it "love handles, go!" I am white, hazel eyes - who said that? 7" cut cock, and I love being a bottom. I am looking to find a guy - age doesn't matter as long as you're not pathetic. I am looking to find a guy to have fun with.

## leather & SM

Box 1421: Diaper boy here looking for attractive, open-minded, diaper boys looking for 40 for hot diaper times. Oh, safety pin in fabric!

Box 2597: White male, 50 years old, strict, downcasting, daddy type. I'm seeking sexy boys or diaper boys 18-25, for old-fashioned discipline and training.

Box 2715: I'm Shawn, 33, male, 6', blond hair, blue eyes, moderately hairy chest and legs, 200lb, attractive, looking to explore into the leather. I have one experience with a gentleman named Jeff and I was extremely hot. If you're willing to teach someone, I'm very willing to learn and eager to please a man. I guess I'm more passive than aggressive. Looking for someone whose I'm my height, build, looking for someone to lower over me.

## fetishes, kink & raunch

Box 2457: Whitehead guy here. I live four and a half days of Edmonton. I come to Edmonton once in a while. Biseexual guy.

Box 2690: I'm 24 year old horny bisexual guy here, like swinging around every once in a while, good body, really cute, 5'10", 165lb, small, sweet, skinny body, 7" cut, shaved cock and balls, versatile, looking to get into some hardcore suck and fuck. Looking to hook up, get into some shit, more of a top than a bottom. Looking for a new big cock. Into kids of oral, hair playing head, love receiving, love being on top, can be fucked once in a while.

Box 2849: I'm 30, 5'8", 170lb, 6" cut, medium build, not fat or anything, very versatile, 6" cut, shaved shaft and balls, shaved head. Looking for someone who likes to rim. I really enjoy being rimmed. Also like to be a bottom, can also be a top, love to deep throat. Can only take, looking for someone to entertain. As an, looking for someone who really likes to eat ass. Very clean, very discreet and expect the same of course.

## transgender & trans admirers

Box 1957: Is anyone out there who would be interested in chat with a cute she-male. I'm an experienced, discreet, submissive crossdresser who wishes being just utterly feminine and adores talking about it. My name is Ethel-Kittanell, when you and I are connected I will be wearing a pink bra and mini skirt, having my smooth mid-elf, wearing a halter, high-heeled and body belly button. I'll be sending you big wet kisses over the phone. We'll talk about yummy intimate things like stiff nipple clamps and dirty paddles as I become your favourite adult. I'm 5'8", 145lb, blue eyes, gorgeous blond wigs and a passionately yearning to fulfill your sexual dreams.

Box 2512: Sexy, smooth transsexual, transitioning, just starting to develop breasts, all shaved and smooth, loves to be as sexy and slutty as possible. I've great legs, look fabulous in minis, mini skirts and slinky heels. I love hard cocks and I like a little bit of bondage every now and again. I am looking for a guy for regular encounters who can entertain.

Box 2742: Hey! Fuck it! No there are no, horny guys out there who need to suck some of the cock, and if you don't mind suck on a penial cock, then I am looking for someone from 18-22.

## shemales & crossdressers

Box 1350: I'm 6'1", 225lb, I am attached and can meet some Friday mornings. I like to cross-dress. I like to wear pantyhose, negligees, panties. I really enjoy the company of crossdressers and 72, shaved cut, not possible, however I'm easy to look at, friendly and outgoing.

Box 2495: I'm 24 year old guy here, fairly new to the scene, bisexual, very curious, very interested in getting together with a T or TS. I'm very open-minded and good-looking. Looking to meet & discreetly.

Box 2519: I'm a 24 year old very passable transsexual. Looking for other gals like myself to go out and have some fun with. I'm looking for guys who would like to treat me like a woman. I'm 5'8", 130lb, long curly brown hair and I'm very good looking.

Box 2631: I'm Bruce, 42 years old, 5'5", 160lb. Looking for a definite discreet encounter. Discretion is assured and expected. Looking for crossdressers, TMs, into lingerie and nylon, stuff like that.

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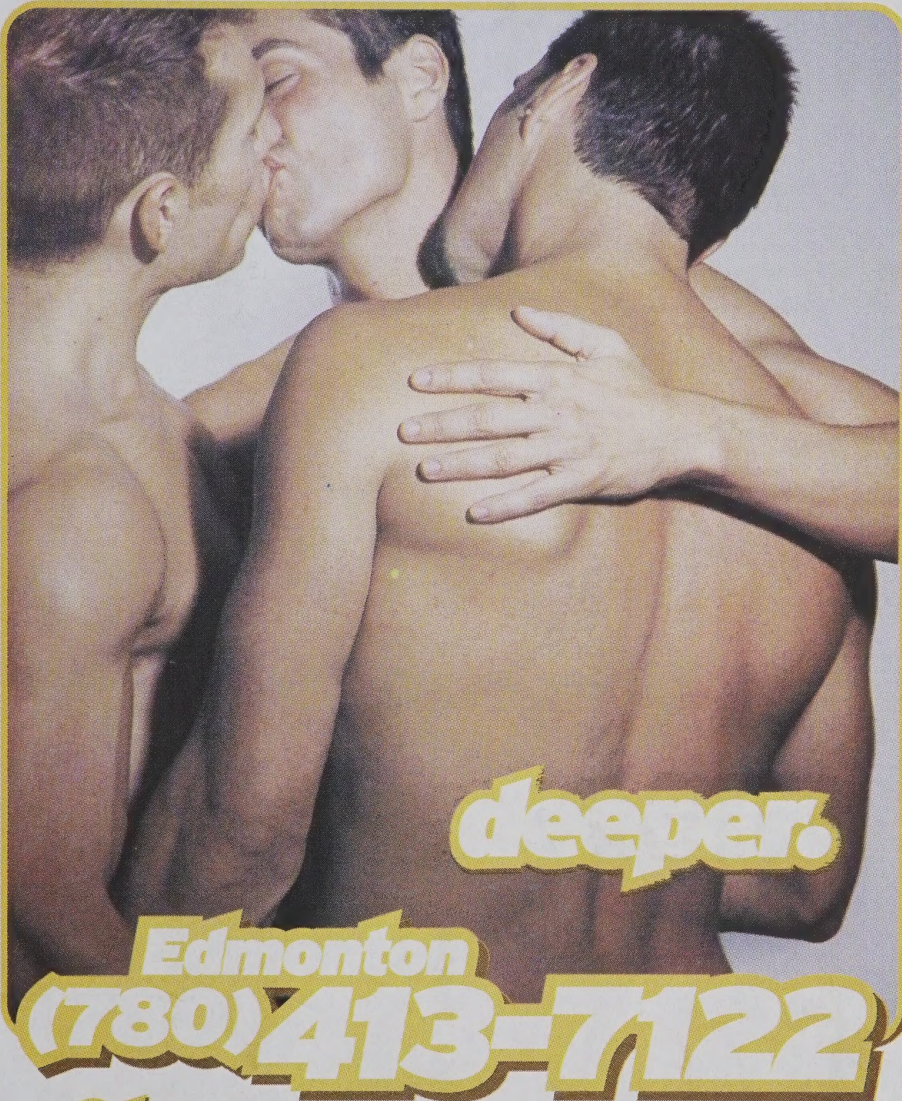
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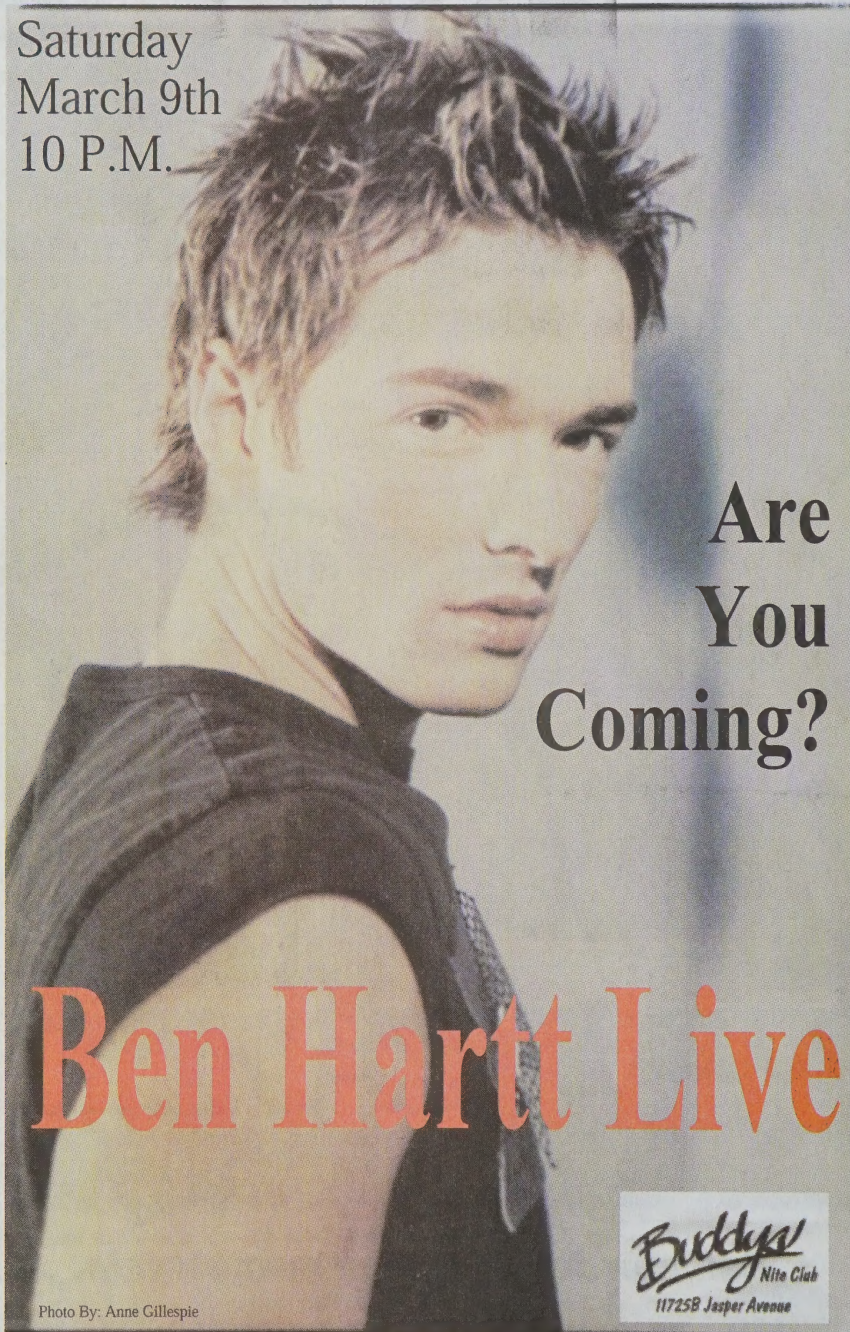
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